

# RESOLUTION 24R-28

To request the RI Board to consider respecting all religions prior to deciding matters of place, date, and time for meetings

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Herzliya, District 2490, Israel

1 WHEREAS, in recent years, RI has set the meeting dates for the International  
2 Assembly, Rotary Institutes, and other zone meetings on or around the Jewish  
3 High Holidays, and

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5 WHEREAS, these gatherings eliminated participation from Jewish Rotarians,  
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8 WHEREAS, it would not be acceptable to have such RI meetings on Muslim,  
9 Christian, Catholic, Protestant, or Mormon holidays, and

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11 WHEREAS, it would be odd to be invited on Easter, Christmas, or even  
12 Thanksgiving

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14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of RI  
15 consider respecting all religions prior to deciding matters of place, date, and time  
16 for meetings, assemblies, conference, or conventions. It should be a small task to  
17 check the calendar before fixing the dates of assemblies to suit every one of our  
18 communities' activities globally.

(End of Text)

## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

19 The purpose of this resolution is to eliminate planning international meetings  
20 that fall on or close to religious holidays. It is likely that a significant number of  
21 Rotary service activities will be cultivated and elevated by leveraging Rotary in its  
22 global network of clubs and volunteers.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

23 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot  
24 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of  
25 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.