

City of Albany

Proclamation



IN RECOGNITION OF JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH May 2024

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month is observed during May to celebrate the enduring heritage of Jewish Americans whose values, culture, and foundational contributions have shaped our character as a Nation; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month in 2006 at the request of Congress urging the President to proclaim a month for the observance of an American Jewish History Month and their contribution to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen due to the highly successful celebration of the 350th Anniversary of American Jewish History in May 2004, which was organized by the Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish American story is an essential chapter of the American narrative that has greatly contributed to the religious, cultural, political, economic, and intellectual advancement of all people by joining together with all faiths to reject ignorance and intolerance, teach empathy and compassion, and root out hatred wherever it exists; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the courage, determination, and resilience that members of Jewish communities have shown throughout history and we must also recognize that Jewish communities in our Nation and around the world continue to face a frightening rise in acts of anti-Semitism; and

WHEREAS, we must continue our commitment to root out prejudice and combat anti-Semitism to create a more inclusive society, protecting the diversity that defines who we are and preserving the dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans continue to be an integral part of Albany, contributing to the cultural enrichment of our City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany would like to acknowledge and recognize the Jewish Community Center of the East Bay for creating healthy communities inspired by Jewish values, culture, and tradition, providing high-quality programs and gathering spaces to advance, nurture, and evolve Jewish communal life and contribute to the vitality of the broader community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Albany City Council does hereby recognize May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month and call upon our community members to honor and learn more about the heritage and contributions of Jewish Americans.

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JOHN MIKI, MAYOR