

Proclamation

Jewish American Heritage Month May 2024

WHEREAS, the Jewish American experience is a story of faith, fortitude, and progress. It is a quintessential American experience, one that is connected to key tenets of American identity, including our Nation's commitment to freedom of religion and conscience; and

WHEREAS, generations of Jewish people have come to this Nation fleeing oppression, discrimination, and persecution in search of a better life for themselves and their children. These Jewish Americans have created lives for themselves and their families and played indispensable roles in our Nation's civic and community life, making invaluable contributions to our Nation through their leadership and achievements; and

WHEREAS, there is also a history of racism, bigotry, and other forms of injustice towards Jewish Americans, which includes the scourge of anti-Semitism. In recent years, Jewish Americans have increasingly been the target of white nationalism and the antisemitic violence it fuels; and

WHEREAS, our communities strive to heal these wounds and overcome these challenges, let us acknowledge and celebrate the crucial contributions that Jewish Americans have made to our collective struggle for a more just and fair society; leading movements for social justice, working to ensure that the opportunities they have secured are extended to others, and heeding the words of the Torah, "Justice, justice shall you pursue"; and


WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City recognizes both the continuity of the Jewish people and the intergenerational responsibility we have to heal the community for our children; and

WHEREAS, during Jewish American Heritage Month, we honor the Jewish Americans who, inspired by Jewish values and American ideals, have engaged in the ongoing work of forming a more perfect union.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in Redwood City and encourage all people to observe this month in honor of the invaluable contributions Jewish Americans have made to our community and our nation.

Date: May 6, 2024




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