

# IN RECOGNITION OF JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

MAY 2023

- WHEREAS,** JEWISH IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA, EVER SINCE THEIR FIRST ARRIVAL TO OUR SHORES IN THE 16TH CENTURY, HAVE PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE IN THE CREATION, GROWTH, FREEDOM, PROSPERITY, AND STRENGTH OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE BIBLICAL AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND THE ENDURING VALUES OF THE JEWISH FAITH WERE VITAL SOURCES OF INSPIRATION FOR THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM, AMERICANS' COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND MANY OF OUR COUNTRY'S MOST CENTRAL TENETS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THROUGH CORE JEWISH BELIEFS SUCH AS THE CREATION OF MAN IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, THE INFINITE VALUE OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE, THE NEED FOR A WEEKLY SABBATH, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN, THE JEWISH COMMUNITY HAS HELPED TO DEFINE AMERICA'S CHARACTER AND VALUES; AND
- WHEREAS,** FOLLOWING THE REBIRTH OF ZIONISM AND THE MIRACULOUS RETURN OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO THE JEWISH HOMELAND, THE UNITED STATES WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD TO RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF ISRAEL IN 1948, AND OVER THE YEARS HAS DEVELOPED A DEEP FRIENDSHIP AND UNBREAKABLE ALLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL BASED UPON SHARED VALUES AND MUTUAL INTERESTS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS NOW CELEBRATING THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ITS MODERN FOUNDING AND ITS EMERGENCE OVER THE LAST FEW DECADES AS A BEACON OF FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY AND A WORLD LEADER IN TECHNOLOGY, AGRICULTURE, WATER CONSERVATION, MEDICINE, AND ALL MANNER OF INNOVATION; AND
- WHEREAS,** ANTISEMITISM HAS BEEN RISING AT AN ALARMING RATE IN OUR COUNTRY, AND MANY OF OUR CITIES HAVE EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE IN ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS. THE RESURGENCE OF THIS ANCIENT HATRED IS A THREAT NOT ONLY TO JEWISH PEOPLE BUT TO ALL OF US. AS LEADERS OF AMERICA'S CITIES, WE MUST CREATE THE CONDITIONS THAT ALLOW OUR COMMUNITIES TO BE SAFE, HEALTHY, AND VITAL. BY BRINGING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH TO OUR CITIES, WE OFFER HOPE AND OPTIMISM THROUGH THE CELEBRATION OF THE VIBRANT HERITAGE OF THE JEWISH AMERICANS WHO HAVE ENRICHED OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COMMUNITIES FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS; AND
- WHEREAS,** FOR 42 YEARS, EVERY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS DECLARED A PERIOD OF TIME FOR CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY'S HISTORY, HERITAGE, AND CULTURE, AND SINCE 2006, THE MONTH OF MAY HAS BEEN PRESIDENTIALLY DECLARED TO BE JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, PURSUANT TO A BIPARTISAN RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2023 TO BE RECOGNIZED AS:

## JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SIGNED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
MAY 2023 AT  
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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MAYOR JOSH LEVY  
VICE MAYOR ADAM GRUBER  
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM  
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON  
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