

IN RECOGNITION OF JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

MAY 2021

- WHEREAS,** THIS MAY, JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH – ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION EACH YEAR SINCE 2006 – WILL RECOGNIZE THE INDELIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS AMERICAN JEWS HAVE MADE, AND CONTINUE TO MAKE , TO OUR NATION’S HISTORY, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY; AND
- WHEREAS,** FOR MORE THAN 360 YEARS, JEWISH AMERICANS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO AMERICAN CULTURE AND SOCIETY. FROM SPORTS, HISTORY, ART, MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT TO MEDICINE, BUSINESS, SCIENCE, GOVERNMENT, AND MILITARY SERVICE. ACROSS THESE FIELDS, MANY JEWISH AMERICANS HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THIS NATION’S STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND LIBERTY, BRINGING PROGRESS IN ALL ASPECTS OF THIS NATION’S VALUES AND CHARACTER; AND
- WHEREAS,** MANY JEWISH WOMEN AND MEN MADE LIFE-LONG COMMITMENTS TO CONFRONT THE ENEMY OF AMERICA’S NOBLEST GOALS: RACISM AND OPPRESSION. THEY FOUND SOLIDARITY IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, THE FIGHT FOR WOMEN’S AND LGBT RIGHTS, AND STRUGGLES WHICH OFTEN MIRRORED THE STORY OF EXODUS AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE’S JOURNEY THROUGH THE AGES. MANY JEWISH PEOPLE FOUND AMERICA’S BEST VALUES IN EACH OF THESE CAUSES: A DEMAND FOR FAIRNESS, EQUALITY AND JUSTICE; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM DEMANDS THAT ALL AMERICANS KNOW THE LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS AN URGENCY TO CONTINUALLY COMBAT PREJUDICE BEFORE IT FIRMLY TAKES ROOT. THE RECENT RE-EMERGENCE OF VIOLENT ANTI-SEMITISM AIMED AT PLACES OF WORSHIP REQUIRES THAT WE RECOMMIT, THROUGH ACTION AND SOLIDARITY, THAT AN ATTACK ON THE FAITH OF ONE IS AN ATTACK ON THE FAITH OF ALL; AND
- WHEREAS,** THIS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH TAKES ITS THEME FROM THE ANCIENT SAGE, RABBI HILLEL’S MOST WELL-KNOWN SAYING–“IF I AM ONLY FOR MYSELF, WHAT AM I? IF NOT NOW—WHEN?”–AND THE WORK OF RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL, WHO MARCHED WITH DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN SELMA; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE THEME IS ABOUT CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER ACROSS COMMUNITIES WHICH IS CENTRAL TO JEWISH CULTURE AND VALUES. IT HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT PRESENTLY AND DURING THE PAST YEAR AMIDST THE PANDEMIC, RISING ANTISEMITISM, AND RACIAL INJUSTICE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST THE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH WILL HIGHLIGHT HISTORICAL MOMENTS IN WHICH THE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATED REMARKABLE RESILIENCE AND CARE FOR COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE THEIR OWN, AND ALSO HOW DIVERSE COMMUNITIES STOOD UP FOR JEWS IN THE FACE OF ANTISEMITISM; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2021 TO BE RECOGNIZED AS:

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SIGNED THIS 5TH DAY OF
MAY 2021 AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR LINDA SHERWOOD
COMMISSIONER CARYL SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
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