

# *In Recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month*

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans have been an important part of the American story and have greatly contributed to all areas of American life and culture since our nation's earliest days; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, the Federal Government first proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, generations of Jews have fled to the United States in search of a better life for themselves and their families, and these immigrants made invaluable contributions in support of equality and civil rights through their leadership and achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans connect to their Jewish identity in a variety of ways, such as culturally, ethnically, religiously, and by following Jewish ethics and values; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans are racially, ethnically, socially, politically, and economically diverse, with approximately 12-15 percent of Jews in the United States being individuals of color, and around 25 percent of Bay Area Jewish households include a person of color; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, Jewish Americans have increasingly experienced antisemitism, including but not limited to physical attacks, vandalism, verbal and physical harassment, and hateful comments posted on social media; and Alameda County shares an obligation to condemn and combat antisemitism wherever it exists, to include Jewish Americans in all facets of civic life, and to stand with the Jewish American community against hatred or bigotry in our city and country; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for education and policies that are culturally competent when describing, discussing, or addressing the impacts of being Jewish in all aspects of American society, including discourse and policy.

**NOW THEREFORE**, this Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California does hereby proclaim the month of **May 2022 as Jewish American Heritage Month** in appreciation of the achievements and contributions made by members of the Jewish community. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors calls upon all residents to celebrate Jewish Americans who have weaved the fabric of our country and community and supports opportunities to learn more about the rich and diverse Jewish American history and culture. Furthermore, Alameda County will continue efforts to confront antisemitism and other forms of hate impacting the Jewish community, support local education about the diversity of our Jewish American community, and integrate Jewish American culture into future programs, activities, and ceremonies throughout the year.

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