Resolution recognizing the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Since arriving in 1654, Jewish Americans have achieved great success, strengthened our country; and
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, On April 20, 2006, the Federal Government proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month, stating, “As a nation of immigrants, the United States is better and stronger because Jewish people from all over the world have chosen to become American citizens,” and, since then, proclamations in support of Jewish American Heritage Month have been made by Presidents of the United States annually; 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

WHEREAS, In the Bay Area around 25 percent of Bay Area Jewish households include a person of color, and this increases to nearly 40 percent of households if the head of the household is younger than 35; 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

WHEREAS, San Francisco 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, We celebrate the rich and diverse heritage of the Jewish American community, including those who live, work and recreate in San Francisco, and;

WHEREAS, We recognize Jewish American commitment to civic engagement and how San Francisco has been enriched by local Jewish institutions and synagogues such as Congregations Emanu-El, Sherith Israel, Beth Sholom, B'nai Emunah, Sha'ar Zahav, Ner Tamid, Keneseth Israel, Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, Here I Am Initiative, Jewish Family and Children's Services, Or Shalom, SF Hillel, Anti-Defamation League, and others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That San Francisco hereby declares the month of May as Jewish Heritage Month in appreciation of the achievements and contributions made by members of the Jewish community; now, therefore, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco 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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May 03, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Chan, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 220465

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/3/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

5/13/2022

Date Approved