

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 2022 AS

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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WHEREAS, the Jewish American experience is a story of faith, fortitude, and progress. It is a quintessential American experience; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have inextricably woven their experience and their accomplishments into the fabric of our national identity. 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 the civic and community life, making invaluable contributions to our state and nation through their leadership and achievements; and

WHEREAS, alongside this narrative of achievement and opportunity, there is also a history — far older than the nation itself — of racism, bigotry, and other forms of injustice. This includes the scourge of antisemitism. In recent years, Jewish Americans have increasingly been the target of White nationalism and the anti-semitic violence it fuel; and

WHEREAS, as our nation and state 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, a central concept in Judaism, “l’dor v’dor”, or “from generation to generation,” recognizes both the continuity of the Jewish people and the intergenerational responsibility we have to heal the world for our children; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates May 2022 as JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Dated: May 3, 2022

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors