

1 [Jewish American Heritage Month - May 2022]

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

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6 WHEREAS, Since arriving in 1654, Jewish Americans have achieved great
7 success, strengthened our country; and

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

11 WHEREAS, On April 20, 2006, the Federal Government proclaimed May as
12 Jewish American Heritage Month, stating, “As a nation of immigrants, the United States
13 is better and stronger because Jewish people from all over the world have chosen to
14 become American citizens,” and, since then, proclamations in support of Jewish
15 American Heritage Month have been made by Presidents of the United States annually;
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17 WHEREAS, Generations of Jews have fled to the United States in search of a
18 better life for themselves and their families, and these immigrants made invaluable
19 contributions in support of equality and civil rights through their leadership and
20 achievements; and

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

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1 WHEREAS, Jewish Americans are racially, ethnically, socially, politically and
2 economically diverse, with approximately 12-15 percent of Jews in the United States
3 being individuals of color; and

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

7 WHEREAS, In recent years, Jewish Americans have increasingly experienced
8 antisemitism, including but not limited to physical attacks, vandalism, verbal and
9 physical harassment, and hateful comments posted on social media; and

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco shares an obligation to condemn and combat
11 antisemitism wherever it exists, to include Jewish Americans in all facets of civic life,
12 and to stand with the Jewish American community against hatred or bigotry in our city
13 and country; and

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

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

23 RESOLVED, That San Francisco hereby declares the month of May as Jewish
24 Heritage Month in appreciation of the achievements and contributions made by
25 members of the Jewish community; now, therefore, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco will continue efforts to confront
2 antisemitism and other forms of hate impacting the Jewish community, support local
3 education about the diversity of our Jewish American community, and integrate Jewish
4 American culture into future programs, activities, and ceremonies throughout the year.

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