

Proclamation

Whereas, Jewish American Heritage Month is an annual tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans who helped weave the fabric of American history, culture, and society and to the contributions American Jews continue to make today; and

Whereas, 2021 marks the 41st annual celebration of achievements and contributions by Jewish Americans, starting with the establishment of Jewish American Heritage Week in 1980 and expanded upon in 2006, when Congress ordered that the country observe an annual Jewish American HeritageMonth each May; and

Whereas, Jewish American Heritage Month acknowledges achievements of American Jews in the fields of sports, arts, entertainment, medicine, business, science, government, military service, music, and more; and

Whereas, in 2021, the theme of Jewish American Heritage Month is taken from a well-known saying from the ancient sage Rabbi Hillel, "If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?" Over history, American Jewish communities have demonstrated remarkable resilience and care for communities outside their own, and diverse communities have stood up for Jews in the face of Antisemitism; and

Whereas, this support and solidarity creates communities where everyone belongs. "If antisemitism is a disease, then activities like Jewish American Heritage Month are a vaccine," stated Dr. Misha Galperin, CEO of the National Museum of Jewish American History. "One small step, with a big impact that every individual, city, and state can take right now, is to simply celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month in their communities."

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, on behalf of the Alameda City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

Jewish American Heritage Month

in the City of Alameda and encourage Alamedans to celebrate the history and contributions of Jewish Americans to our culture and society.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor

