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To Recognize the Month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Columbus

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 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, Columbus 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, recognizing the efforts of the Jewish American community to civic engagement and how Columbus has been enriched by local Jewish institutions and synagogues; and

WHEREAS, Columbus will continue efforts to confront antisemitism and other forms of hate impacting the Jewish community, supporting local education about the diversity of our Jewish American community, and integrating Jewish American culture into future programs, activities, and ceremonies; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize the month of May as Jewish American Heritage month in the City of Columbus.