

CITY OF NAPA
PROCLAMATION

*Recognizing the Month of May 2024 as
Jewish American Heritage Month*

WHEREAS, from our Nation's earliest days, Jewish Americans have been an essential part of the American story, greatly contributing to the religious, cultural, political, economic, and intellectual advancement of all people even while in the face of discrimination and adversity, and have enriched our country, stirred our conscience, and challenged us to extend the miracles of freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month in 2006, in recognition of the over 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate the rich heritage of the Jewish American community, in the City of Napa, and the nation, we recognize that American Jews have worked tirelessly to strengthen the promise of religious freedom and civil rights by joining together with all faiths to reject ignorance and intolerance, teach empathy and compassion, and root out hatred wherever it exists, and are compelled to “never forget”; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism rose exponentially this past year, and Jewish communities continue to confront hostility and bigotry. The City of Napa shares the obligation to condemn and combat antisemitism and hatred wherever they exist; and

WHEREAS, during Jewish American Heritage Month, the City of Napa celebrates the hard-fought progress won through the struggle and sacrifice of Jewish Americans, and we rededicate ourselves to building a world where diversity is cherished, and faith is protected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Scott Sedgley, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the Napa City Council, do hereby proclaim *May 2024 as “Jewish American Heritage Month”* in the City of Napa and call upon all residents to celebrate, and thank, Jewish Americans, past and present, who have contributed immeasurably to the fabric of American history, culture, science, education and social justice, and to many aspects of our local Napa Community.

Dated: May 7, 2024

SCOTT SEDGLEY, MAYOR
CITY OF NAPA