

CITY OF NAPA

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing the Month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month May 2023

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, May has been named Jewish American Heritage Month since 2006, when former President George W. Bush proclaimed it 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, we are reminded that the vibrant culture and life of the Jewish people has experienced ongoing prejudice and discrimination and that Jewish communities continue to confront hostility and bigotry. The City of Napa shares the obligation to condemn and combat anti-Semitism 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 2023 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 contributed immeasurably to the fabric American history, culture, science, education and social justice, and to many aspects of our local Napa Community.

Dated: May 2, 2023

SCOTT SEDGLEY, MAYOR
CITY OF NAPA