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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

25-220

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 7, 2024

To recognize the month of May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month and to recognize the contributions of Jewish Americans to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Jewish immigrants to America, since their first arrival to our shores in the 16th century, have played a central role in the creation, growth, freedom, prosperity, and strength of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, the biblical and contemporary history of the Jewish people and the enduring values of the Jewish faith were vital sources of inspiration for the founding of the United States, the Civil Rights movement, America's global leadership in the cause of freedom, Americans' commitment to social justice, and many of our country's most central tenets; and

WHEREAS, Jewish citizens serve the Armed Forces of the United States and the DC National Guard;

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have made significant contributions to the arts, entertainment, science and technology, government, business, culinary traditions, and other fields in the United States, and Jewish Americans have played an important role in shaping American culture; and

WHEREAS, for 43 years, every President of the United States has declared a period of time for celebrating the contributions to the United States of the Jewish community's history, heritage, and culture, and since 2006, the month of May has been Presidentially declared to be Jewish American Heritage Month, pursuant to a bipartisan resolution of Congress.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Jewish American Heritage Month Recognition Resolution of 2024".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the many contributions of the Jewish American community and declares May 2024 to be Jewish American Heritage Month in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.