

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING MAY 2024 TO BE JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

This proclamation declares May 2024 to be Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville to celebrate the contributions and achievements that Jewish American residents make in our community.

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans make up 2.4% of the U.S population and have greatly contributed to all facets of American life, Jewish Heritage Month is an annual celebration of Jewish Americans who have helped weave the fabric of American history, culture, and society; and

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 44th 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 annual Jewish Heritage Month each May; and

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month acknowledges the achievements of American Jews in the fields of sports, arts, entertainment, medicine, business, science, government, military service, music, as well as the indispensable contributions they've made to our collective struggle for a more just and fair society; leading movements for social justice and fostering greater understanding, respect, and tolerance through this work; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have created lives for themselves and their families and played prominent roles in our Nation's civic and community life, making invaluable contributions through their leadership and achievements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hyattsville, do hereby recognize May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month.

Robert S. Croslin

Mayor, City of Hyattsville

May 6, 2024

