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## **PROCLAMATION JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the Jewish American experience is a story of faith, fortitude, and progress and one that is connected to key tenets of American identity, including our nation's commitment to freedom of religion and conscience; 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**, Jewish Americans are racially, ethnically, socially, politically, and economically diverse, with approximately 12-15 percent of Jews in the United States being individuals of color; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, Jewish Americans have increasingly experienced antisemitism, including but not limited to physical attacks, vandalism, verbal and physical harassment, and hateful comments posted on social media; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waukesha 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 of any kind.

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of Waukesha do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

## **JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

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Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor  
City of Waukesha