

**RECOGNITION OF JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2023**

***WHEREAS**, the story of America was written, in part, by Jewish Americans who, through their words and actions, embraced the opportunity and responsibility of citizenship knowing full well that democracy is not born, nor sustained, by accident; and*

***WHEREAS**, throughout our country’s history, Jewish Americans have proudly served our Nation in uniform, in elected office, and on our Nation’s highest courts; and*

***WHEREAS**, they have made enormous contributions to America’s cultural, scientific, artistic, and intellectual life, and they have marched, petitioned, and boarded buses to demand civil and political rights for all – from women’s rights to voting rights to workers’ rights; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Jewish American story is fueled by faith, resilience, and hope. It is a story defined by a firm belief in possibilities, the resolve to make real the promise of America for all Americans; and*

***WHEREAS**, 368 years after 23 brave Jewish refugees arrived in America, Jewish Americans continue to help our country thrive and prosper; and*

***WHEREAS**, let us join hands across faiths, races, and backgrounds to make clear that evil, hate, and antisemitism will not prevail. Let us honor the timeless values, contributions, and culture of Jewish Americans, who carry our Nation forward each and every day.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby recognize May as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of South San Francisco and urge all citizens to join in this special observance.*

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