

Proclamation



WHEREAS, on April 20, 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM), capping an historic achievement by an impressive group, led by the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish community leaders, which eventually resulted in congressional resolutions introduced by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-23) and Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA); and

WHEREAS, JAHM recognizes the more than 360-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture and society, from sports, arts, music and entertainment and history, to medicine, business, science, government and military service. Across these fields, many Jewish Americans have contributed significantly to this Nation's struggle for freedom, justice and liberty, having helped bring about progress in all aspects of this Nation's values and character; and

WHEREAS, many Jewish people who reached America did so after fleeing oppression, in some cases amid the most grim and gruesome of human experiences during the Holocaust, and did so with a hope of realizing the true promise of building a freer and more just America; and

WHEREAS, many Jewish women and men made life-long commitments to confront the enemy of America's noblest goals: racism and oppression. They found solidarity in the Civil Rights Movement, in the fight for women's and LGBT rights, and in struggles which often mirrored the story of Exodus and the Jewish people's journey through the ages; and

WHEREAS, the rise in anti-Semitism demands that all Americans know the lessons of the Holocaust. We must recognize that there is an urgent imperative to continually combat prejudice before it firmly takes root. This recent re-emergence of violent anti-Semitism aimed at places of worship requires that we recommit, through action and solidarity, that an attack on the faith of one is an attack on the faith of all; and

WHEREAS, JAHM celebrations include a unique annual theme. This year's theme provides a wonderful opportunity to recognize the American Jews who have helped create the images that represent important parts of our everyday life; and

WHEREAS, throughout their work, one often finds a common thirst for freedom and justice, as many of these Jewish artists, writers and illustrators are adept at untangling our complicated world and synthesizing lessons and insights about it clearly and succinctly. For that, the world celebrates their work, and we hold their accomplishments up high.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY that the month of MAY 2019 shall be recognized as

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Pompano Beach, Florida.

DONE this 14th day of May, 2019.





REX HARDIN
MAYOR