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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month was established in 2006 to recognize the Jewish community's contributions across many different fields, including academics, arts, and sciences; *and*

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month celebrates the long-standing traditions and values that have been passed down generation after generation; *and*

WHEREAS, Jewish American leaders have led on many of the most important issues in our nation's history, including advocating for civil rights, workers rights, women's rights, racial equality, LGBTQ+ rights, and anti-war protests; *and*

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans are an integral part of our Commonwealth and our city. They make up an indispensable part of our city's workforce, are business owners, teachers, policy makers, coaches and medical workers; *and*

WHEREAS, The United States has discriminated against Jewish people in years past, including the refusal to allow Jewish refugees to come to the United States during the Holocaust and restrictive quotas at our universities; *and*

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have long been the target of white supremacists, including the Ku Klux Klan and NSC-131. In 2021, a Rabbi was stabbed by an antisemitic individual in Brighton. Nationally, there has been an increase in anti-semitic hate crimes and Jewish Bostonians are increasingly not comfortable in the neighborhoods they have called home due to anti-semitic graffiti; *and*

WHEREAS, As we celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month in 2024 we must acknowledge the disturbing rise in antisemitism across the United States and the globe, which has seen an increase in violence and dangerous rhetoric directed against the Jewish community and especially the orthodox community; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council stands against all forms of hate including antisemitism and islamophobia and is committed to standing with Jewish American residents of Boston and the Commonwealth *and; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes May as Jewish American Heritage Month, honors the contributions of Jewish Americans, and is committed to standing up with our Jewish residents to denounce all forms of antisemitism and hate.

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