



## City Council

### Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month

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#### **Title**

Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month

#### **Recommended Action**

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

##### **City Manager Recommendation:**

Recognize May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

Whether to recognize May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

##### **Staff Contact:**

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##### **Presenter(s):**

Rabbi Seth Goldstein, Temple Beth Hatfiloh

##### **Background and Analysis:**

Jewish American Heritage Month was created in 2006 by Presidential Proclamation. It is important to recognize Jewish people and organizations for their invaluable contributions to our community, especially in support of equity and civil rights. As white supremacist and other hate-based organizations have been increasingly active in recent years, anti-Semitic harassment and violence has grown. It is important to take visible steps to oppose this hate to support Jewish community.

##### **Climate Analysis:**

There are no climate impacts related to this proclamation.

##### **Equity Analysis:**

This recognition raises awareness about the contributions and achievements made by generations of Jewish Americans in the Pacific Northwest and across the nation.

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**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

This recognition benefits Olympia residents as well as those in neighboring communities by increasing a sense of belonging and inclusion.

**Financial Impact:**

There is no financial impact related to this agenda item.

**Options:**

1. Recognize May as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Olympia.
2. Do May as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Olympia.
3. Recognize May as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Olympia at another time.

**Attachments:**

Proclamation