

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HERCULES

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month was established in 2006 by President George W. Bush to honor the significant religious, cultural, political, economic, athletic, scientific, academic, and philanthropic contributions Jewish Americans have made to the United States; and

WHEREAS, when the first Jewish settlers came to this land, they sought a place of promise where they could practice their faith in freedom and live in liberty. During Jewish American Heritage Month, we celebrate the rich history of the Jewish people in America and honor the great contributions they have made to our country; and

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month is an annual tribute to commemorate the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American society and recognizes the rich history, traditions, and remarkable achievements that Jewish Americans have brought to American society across the generations such as Albert Einstein and his contributions to physics, Henry Kissinger and his work in U.S. foreign policy, Marcus Loew, Californian and founder of MGM Studios, and Louis Rose, one of San Diego's earliest settlers; and

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month, serves as a time to celebrate the enduring spirit of the Jewish community and help foster mutual understanding, tolerance and respect, and promote the values of equality, justice, and liberty.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Dion Bailey, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Hercules and call upon all residents to learn more about Jewish history and culture through related books, films, and other resources, and by taking part in local events.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 27th day of May 2025.

Dion Bailey, Mayor