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Second Reading and Adoption: June 17, 2025

CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 04-2025

Introduced by: Mayor Celina Benitez

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNT RAINIER
MARYLAND PROCLAIMING MAY AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE
MONTH

WHEREAS, Since the first Jewish immigrants arrived in the 16th century in what is now known as the United States, Jewish people have been instrumental in the prosperity of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month was first recognized nationally by President George W. Bush in 2006, and has been reaffirmed in the following years; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans continue to enrich every part of American life and the City of Mount Rainier as educators and entrepreneurs, the arts, athletes and artists, scientists and entertainers, public officials and activists, labor and community leaders, diplomats and military service members, public health heroes, and more; and

WHEREAS, During the Jewish American Heritage Month, we elevate the achievements and contributions made by the Jewish Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political; and

WHEREAS, Jewish suffragists fought to expand freedom and justice. And Jewish faith leaders linked arms with giants of the Civil Rights Movement to demand equal rights for all; and

WHEREAS, Early on, they fought for religious freedom, helping define one of the bedrock principles upon which America was built. Union soldiers celebrated Passover in the midst of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, During this month, we encourage all residents of Mount Rainier to seek out ways to engage with Jewish history, including museum exhibits, literary works, and more; and

WHEREAS, In May 2023, President Biden launched the White House National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism, an effort with bipartisan backing that is one of the most ambitious, comprehensive effort in U.S. history to counter antisemitism; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, We call upon residents of the City of Mount Rainier to take action at the community level to ensure that discrimination of any kind, including antisemitism, are unacceptable in the City of Mount Rainier; and

RESOLVED, During this month, let us celebrate the many contributions Jewish Americans continue to make in Mount Rainier, Maryland and throughout the United States; and

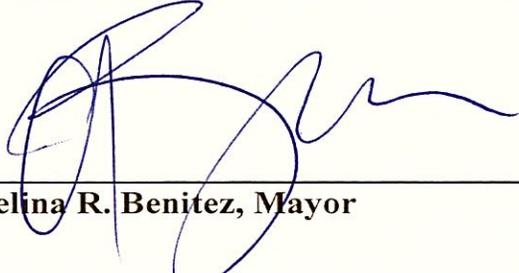
RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of Mount Rainier recognizes and acknowledges the contributions, achievements, and influences of the Jewish American Community; and

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of Mount Rainier proclaims May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

This Resolution is adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mount Rainier on 17th day of June 2025.

Attest:

MSam
Melissa Sam, City Clerk



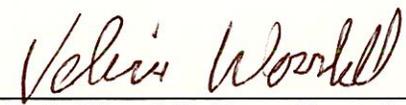
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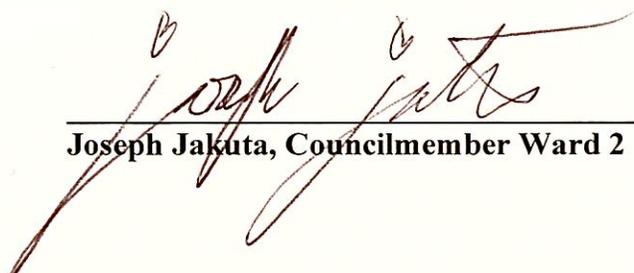
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