

**Davis Joint Unified School District
Resolution No. 61-24
Proclaiming May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month**

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month is a national month of recognition and celebration that has been held each May since 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the earliest history of Jewish immigrants in California predates our statehood, with the first Jewish settlers being documented in the early 1840s, and the Gold Rush marking the first wider migration, especially to Northern California; and

WHEREAS, generations of Jewish immigrants fleeing persecution and seeking opportunity have found a home in California, in Yolo County and Davis; and,

WHEREAS, the contributions of Jewish Americans to the nation's culture, education, scientific discovery, and government cannot be overstated; and,

WHEREAS, since 1961, Congregation Bet Haverim, The Jewish Fellowship of Davis, has acted as a safe space and center of community and belonging for Jewish residents of Davis and Yolo County; and,

WHEREAS, Jewish American History cannot be told without also acknowledging the suffering, persecution, and genocide of millions during the Holocaust, as well as the suffering caused by violent attacks against the people of Israel; and,

WHEREAS, Jewish American History cannot be told without also acknowledging Israel, the national homeland for Jews in the diaspora for more than 3000 years, and the Davis Jewish community at large has deep connections to Israel through extensive historical, familial, and social ties; and,

WHEREAS, to this day, Jewish Americans still face persecution, violence, and threats due to their identity, including in Davis, which is not removed or immune from recurring acts of antisemitism; and,

WHEREAS, through this ongoing suffering, the Jewish American community has been a beacon of resilience for the nation to admire and to whom to aspire; and,

WHEREAS, recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month means committing to furthering education on the history of Jewish Americans and preventing the seeds of antisemitism from being planted in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Davis Joint Unified School District should aim to lead the fight against racial, ethnic, and religious hate in all forms across our society; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Davis Joint Unified School District Board of Education does hereby proclaim May 2024, Jewish American Heritage Month as;

1. An opportunity to reaffirm the District's commitment to promoting cultural understanding, fostering a sense of belonging in our community, and standing firm against antisemitism.

2. An opportunity to fulfill a commitment to increase training and curriculum content development in all school disciplines that recognizes the impact, achievements, and contributions from Jewish American staff, teachers, administrators, and students to the Davis community at large throughout the year, not only during Jewish American History Month and other 'designated days' and honoring the contributions of Jewish Americans to our society, and teaching history in its truest form so as to prevent it from repeating itself.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of May 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Elizabeth Moon, President
Davis Joint Unified School District
Board of Education

ATTEST: _____

Matt Best
Secretary, Governing Board of the
Davis Joint Unified School District