



# City of Iowa City PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, Jewish American Heritage Month had its origins in 1980 when Congress authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating a week in April or May as Jewish Heritage Week; and

**Whereas**, President Carter issued the first proclamation in April 1980 which spoke about the bountiful contributions made by the Jewish people to the culture and history of the United States; and

**Whereas**, on April 20, 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month formalizing the crowning achievement of the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture; and

**Whereas**, the Jewish American story is an essential chapter of the American narrative. It is one of refuge from persecution; of commitment to service, faith, democracy, and peace; and of tireless work to achieve success. As leaders in every facet of American life -- from athletics, entertainment, and the arts to academia, business, government, and our Armed Forces -- Jewish Americans have shaped our Nation and helped steer the course of our history. We are a stronger and more hopeful community because so many Jews from around the world have made Iowa City their home.

**Now, therefore**, I, Bruce Teague, Mayor of Iowa City, do hereby proclaim May 2021 to be

## Jewish American Heritage Month

in Iowa City and encourage all residents to join in this observance.

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Mayor  
Signed in Iowa City, Iowa,  
the 1st day of June 2021.

