

6E. Proclamation declaring the month of May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Torrance.



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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Subject: Materials Available for Agenda Item 6E

DISCUSSION

At the time the agenda was posted, the Proclamation declaring the Month of May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month was not readily available for inclusion in the agenda. Staff is now providing the proclamation.

ATTACHMENT

1. Proclamation – Jewish American Heritage Month

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Jewish American Heritage Month is a time to honor the significant religious, cultural, political, economic, athletic, scientific, academic, and philanthropic contributions Jewish Americans have made to the United States of America and the State of California; and
- WHEREAS,** Jewish American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to recognize the rich history, traditions, and diverse contributions that Jewish Americans have brought to American society across the generations; and
- WHEREAS,** Jewish Americans have made remarkable achievements in numerous fields, including math, medicine, science, film, television, music, business, sports, government, and military service; and
- WHEREAS,** Jewish Americans have also played a vital and active role in the advancement of civil rights for all Americans, standing alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders in the fight for equality, justice, and freedom; and
- WHEREAS,** Jewish communities continue to confront hostility and bigotry as recent data from the Anti-Defamation League indicates a record high of 9,354 antisemitic incidents in the U.S. in 2024, marking a 140% increase over the previous year; and
- WHEREAS,** Jewish American Heritage Month serves as a reminder of the resilience, courage, and contributions of Jewish people to the collective strength of our country, enriching the academic, social, cultural, and political landscape of the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George K. Chen, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025, as

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Torrance and encourage the community to honor Jewish American history and contributions during Jewish American Heritage Month.

Signed this 6th day of May 2025.

Mayor George K. Chen

ATTEST:

Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk