



City of  
Santa Rosa

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans have been an important part of the American story and have greatly contributed to all areas of American life and culture since our nation's earliest days; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2006, the Federal Government first proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month, stating, "As a nation of immigrants, the United States is better and stronger because Jewish people from all over the world have chosen to become American citizens;" and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans connect to their Jewish identity in many ways, including culturally, ethnically, religiously, and through Jewish ethics and values, creating a community that is racially, socially, politically, and economically diverse; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize Jewish American commitment to civic engagement and that Santa Rosa has been enriched by local Jewish institutions including Congregation Shomrei Torah, Congregation Beth Ami, Joseph Weingarten Chabad Jewish Center, the Jewish Community Center of Sonoma County, and the Jewish Community Free Clinic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED**, that I, Mark Stapp, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, in recognition of our community, do hereby proclaim the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month in appreciation of the achievements and contributions made by members of our Jewish American community, and resolve to continue efforts to confront antisemitism and hate impacting the Jewish community, support education about the diversity of our Jewish American community, and integrate Jewish American culture into year-round programs, activities, and ceremonies.



**JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

Mayor Mark Stapp  
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