Jewish American Heritage Month May 2023

Jewish American Heritage Month is an annual celebration of Americans of Jewish faith who have helped weave the fabric of our history, culture and society. This year marks the $43^{\rm rd}$ annual celebration of the achievements and contributions made by Jewish Americans, starting with the establishment of Jewish American Heritage week in 1980 and expanded in 2006 to encompass the month of May.

Jewish American Heritage Month acknowledges achievements of American Jews in the fields of literature, arts, entertainment, medicine, business, science, government, military service, music and more. Jewish Americans have played indispensable roles in our civic and community life, making invaluable contributions through their leadership and achievements. Jewish Americans have advanced our collective efforts for a more just and fair society, leading movements for social justice and working to ensure that the opportunities they have secured are extended to others.

Unfortunately, Jewish communities in this nation continue to be challenged by bigotry, hostility, discrimination and violence. As we remember the lessons of the Holocaust, our commitment to religious freedom in America obligates us to root out prejudice and combat anti-Semitism. The Jewish American story is an essential chapter of the American narrative, and we recognize, honor and celebrate Jewish Americans who strengthen our community every day.

We, the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado, declare May, 2023 as

Jewish American Heritage Month

Aaron Brockett, Mayor

