

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 24-60**

***Proclaiming May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Yolo County***

**WHEREAS**, Jewish American History 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 and Yolo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of Jewish Americans to the nation's culture, education, scientific discovery, and government can not be overstated; 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 Jewish community in Yolo County 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 Yolo County where we have witnessed multiple acts of antisemitism in recent years; and

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

**WHEREAS**, recognizing Jewish 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**, Yolo County should aim to lead the fight against racial, ethnic, and religious hate in all forms across our society; 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 Yolo County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Yolo County and reaffirms the County of Yolo's commitment to promoting cultural understanding, fostering a sense of belonging in our community, honoring the contributions of Jewish Americans to our society, and teaching history in its truest form as to prevent it from repeating itself.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Vixie Sandy, Provenza, Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs.

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Lucas Frerichs, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors