

RESOLUTION NO. 068-2025(CRR), *First Reading*

By All City Councilmembers

A Resolution proclaiming May, 2025 as *Jewish American Heritage Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights recognizes the significant contributions of the Jewish community to our city; and

WHEREAS, in 1654 the first Jewish refugees sailed into the port of present-day New York City, fleeing oppression and discrimination and fought for their right to remain, becoming our nation's first Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, we honor these refugees for building a legacy of generations of Jewish Americans who have fought for justice, equality, and freedom for all Americans in the face of their own experiences with prejudice, persecution, and the horrors of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is proud to be home to a large and vibrant Jewish community that has actively participated in our growth as a strong, diverse city; and

WHEREAS, *Jewish American Heritage Month* provides an opportunity for all residents to celebrate the rich history, traditions, and achievements of the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness and understanding of Jewish heritage fosters unity, tolerance, and respect for all members of our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, designating May as *Jewish American Heritage Month* reaffirms our commitment to honoring and preserving the cultural heritage of all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH that:

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim May, 2025 as *Jewish American Heritage Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights and urges every resident to participate in activities and events that celebrate Jewish culture, history, and contributions.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

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SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its content, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *Jewish American Heritage Month* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



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TONY CUDA  
President of Council



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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED: April 21, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 04/24/2025      Approved: 04/28/2025



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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor