

1 Introduced by Council Members Miller, Amaro, Salem and Johnson:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-284**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2026  
6 AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN  
7 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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9 **WHEREAS,** Jewish American Heritage Month originated from  
10 concurrent resolutions passed by the United States House of  
11 Representatives and Senate, with a subsequent proclamation signed by  
12 President George W. Bush on April 20, 2006, recognizing the month of  
13 May as "Jewish American Heritage Month"; and

14 **WHEREAS,** the month of May was chosen due to the highly  
15 successful celebration of the 350th Anniversary of American Jewish  
16 History in May 2004, which was organized by the Commission for  
17 Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History; and

18 **WHEREAS,** since the arrival of the first Jewish settlers in North  
19 America in 1654 in New Amsterdam, now known as New York City, Jewish  
20 Americans have established deep roots in communities across the United  
21 States; and

22 **WHEREAS,** Jewish Americans have made significant contributions  
23 to the arts, entertainment, science and technology, government,  
24 business, culinary traditions, and other fields in the United States,  
25 and through these contributions have played an important role in  
26 shaping American culture; and

27 **WHEREAS,** the biblical and contemporary history of the Jewish  
28 people and the enduring values of the Jewish faith were vital sources  
29 of inspiration for the founding of the United States, the Civil Rights  
30 movement, America's global leadership in the cause of freedom,  
31 Americans' commitment to justice, and many of our Country's most

1 central tenets; and

2       **WHEREAS,** Jewish Americans are an integral part of the  
3 Jacksonville community, with approximately 13,000 citizens sustaining  
4 a robust network of organizations offering religious, educational,  
5 and social services; now therefore

6       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

7       **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes the  
8 immeasurable contributions of the Jewish American community to  
9 Jacksonville and the nation and joins in the celebration of the month  
10 of May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Jacksonville.

11       **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Steven Libby, City Council Research

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