

1 Introduced by Council Members Miller, Amaro, Salem and Johnson and
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Boylan, Gay, Freeman, Howland and
3 Pittman:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2026-284-A**

7 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2026
8 AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN
9 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS,** Jewish American Heritage Month originated from
12 concurrent resolutions passed by the United States House of
13 Representatives and Senate, with a subsequent proclamation signed by
14 President George W. Bush on April 20, 2006, recognizing the month of
15 May as "Jewish American Heritage Month"; and

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

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

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

29 **WHEREAS,** the biblical and contemporary history of the Jewish
30 people and the enduring values of the Jewish faith were vital sources
31 of inspiration for the founding of the United States, the Civil Rights

1 movement, America's global leadership in the cause of freedom,
2 Americans' commitment to justice, and many of our Country's most
3 central tenets; and

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

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

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

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

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Steven Libby, City Council Research

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