



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING MAY AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, for nearly 370 years, Jews have profoundly contributed to America's history, society, and culture; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, then-President George W. Bush established May as "Jewish American Heritage Month" to honor the long history of Jewish Americans and the many contributions of Jewish Americans to American culture, history, military, science, government, education, and all areas of American life; and

WHEREAS, the proud heritage of Jewish Americans is a reminder of our nation's constitutional commitment to religious freedom and the importance of a dedication to community and history; and

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing a rise in antisemitic activity, and Jewish Americans are the targets of 60 percent of religiously based hate crimes and bias-based incidents despite constituting 2.4% of the U.S. population; and

WHEREAS, our society needs to reaffirm our rejection of antisemitic bigotry and our commitment to never compromise our steadfast support for the Jewish community; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month and expresses appreciation for the significant contributions made by Jewish Americans to the diverse community that comprises Cook County, the State of Illinois, and the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Jewish United Fund and other Jewish American organizations in Cook County.