

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2006, after resolutions passed unanimously in both houses of Congress, President George W. Bush proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month to recognize the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to America and American culture; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation reads that "The Jewish American experience is a story of faith, fortitude, and progress. It is a quintessential American experience - one that is connected to key tenets of American identity, including our Nation's commitment to freedom of religion and conscience. This month, we honor Jewish Americans - past and present - who have inextricably woven their experience and their accomplishments into the fabric of our national identity"; and

WHEREAS, from our Nation's earliest days, Jewish Americans have been an essential part of the American story, greatly contributing to the religious, cultural, political, economic, and intellectual advancement of all people even while in the face of discrimination and adversity; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, American Jews have made major contributions to society and culture in science, medicine, literature, the arts, sports, business, technology, civil rights, government, and military service; and

WHEREAS, we are reminded that the vibrant culture and life of the Jewish people has experienced prejudice and discrimination and that Jewish communities continue to confront hostility and bigotry, and that we all share the obligation to condemn and combat anti-Semitism and hatred wherever it exists; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate the rich heritage of the Jewish American community, we recognize that American Jews have worked tirelessly to strengthen the promise of religious freedom and civil rights in the United States by joining together with all faiths to reject ignorance and intolerance, teach empathy and compassion, and root out hatred wherever it exists, and through our understanding and study of the Holocaust, we know the human devastation that can come from systemic prejudice, and are compelled to "never forget."

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Gary Christenson, Mayor do hereby proclaim that the month of May be celebrated as **Jewish American Heritage Month** in the City of Malden.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the City of Malden this 1st^h day of May in the year two thousand twenty-two to be affixed.


GARY CHRISTENSON, Mayor

