



PROCLAMATION

Jewish American Heritage Month
May 2025

Whereas, May is designated nationally as Jewish American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich and diverse contributions of Jewish Americans to the fabric of our nation's history, culture, and society; and

Whereas, Jewish American Heritage Month was first proclaimed in 2006 by President George W. Bush, recognizing that the United States is stronger because of the enduring contributions of Jewish Americans who have made this country their home; and

Whereas, Jewish Americans, many of whom arrived in the U.S. seeking refuge from persecution, have played a vital role in American life, making significant impacts in fields such as science, law, medicine, business, civil rights, and the arts; and

Whereas, Jewish Americans reflect the diversity of our nation—racially, ethnically, socially, and politically—and their experiences and perspectives enrich our communities, including those in Nevada County and the greater Sierra Nevada region; and

Whereas, Jewish life and traditions have long been celebrated through cultural festivals, religious observances, and acts of public service that embody the values of community, education, and justice; and

Whereas, the City of Grass Valley stands in solidarity with the Jewish community and reaffirms its commitment to opposing antisemitism and all forms of hatred and bigotry, while promoting understanding, inclusivity, and respect for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Grass Valley City Council does hereby proclaim the month of May 2025, as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Grass Valley and encourage all residents to learn about and honor the history, culture, and contributions of Jewish Americans through education, dialogue, and community engagement.

Dated this 27th day of May 2025.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Haven Caravelli, Vice Mayor

Jan Arbuckle, Council Member

Joseph Bonomolo, Council Member

Thomas Ivy, Council Member