



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: May 19, 2026

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4/5 Vote Required

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### **Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Recognizing May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month**

**Whereas**, Jewish Americans have been an important part of the American story and have contributed greatly to all areas of American life, civic leadership, culture, science, education, business, public service, and the arts since the earliest days of our nation; and

**Whereas**, in 2006, the federal government first proclaimed the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month, recognizing the many ways Jewish Americans have strengthened and enriched the United States; and

**Whereas**, generations of Jewish immigrants came to this country seeking freedom, safety, opportunity, and a better life for themselves and their families, and in doing so made lasting contributions to this nation and to the ongoing work of democracy, justice, civil rights, and community building; and

**Whereas**, Jewish identity is diverse and may be expressed through religion, culture, ethnicity, family history, language, traditions, ethics, and shared values; and

**Whereas**, Jewish Americans represent a richly diverse community across racial, ethnic, social, political, and economic backgrounds, reflecting the full breadth of the American experience; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma County is strengthened by the presence, leadership, and contributions of Jewish residents, families, educators, advocates, faith leaders, nonprofit organizations, congregations, and cultural institutions that help shape the civic and cultural life of our county; and

**Whereas**, local Jewish institutions and communities, including synagogues, Jewish cultural organizations, and community centers, contribute meaningfully to Sonoma County through education, service, cultural celebration, interfaith partnership, and support for families and neighbors across the county; and

**Whereas**, Jewish American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the history, resilience, traditions, and achievements of Jewish Americans, while also encouraging greater public understanding of Jewish life and culture; and

**Whereas**, antisemitism and other forms of hate continue to harm individuals and communities across the country, and Sonoma County affirms its responsibility to stand against antisemitism, bigotry, discrimination, and exclusion in all forms; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma County remains committed to fostering a community where all people are treated with dignity and respect, where diversity is valued, and where the contributions of Jewish Americans are recognized and celebrated;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the month of May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Sonoma County, in appreciation of the enduring achievements, history, and contributions of Jewish Americans to our nation, state, and local communities.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors calls upon all residents of Sonoma County to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month, to learn more about Jewish American history and culture, and to join in opposing antisemitism and all forms of hate.

**Supervisors:**

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Hermosillo:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**