



## **Proclamation Celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month**

**WHEREAS,** Jewish American Heritage Month is a time for commemorating the history, contributions, and cultures of the diverse population of Jewish Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** the Jewish community has played an important role in shaping, advancing, and enriching the fabric of Albemarle County ever since the first Jewish family settled in Albemarle County in 1757; and

**WHEREAS,** Jewish Americans, due to their own long history of persecution, have often found common cause with movements working to expand civil rights, liberty, and human dignity for all; and

**WHEREAS,** the Jewish American experience has always been held together by the forces of hope, resilience, and striving for a better tomorrow.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize and celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month and renew our dedication to the work of building a fully inclusive tomorrow; one where a great diversity of origins is not only accepted, but also celebrated here at home and around the world.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024

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Jim H. Andrews, Chair  
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors