

RESOLUTION R136-2021

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1654, the first Jewish settlers arrived in New Amsterdam, (now) New York City, seeking the freedom to practice their faith; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 41st annual celebration of achievements and contributions by Jewish Americans, starting with the establishment of Jewish American Heritage Week in 1980 and expanded upon in 2006, when Congress ordered that the country observe an annual **Jewish American Heritage Month** each May; and

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month acknowledges achievements of American Jews in the fields of sports, arts, entertainment, medicine, business, science, government, military service, music, and more; and

WHEREAS, **Jewish American Heritage Month** is an annual celebration of Jewish Americans who have helped weave the fabric of American history, culture and society; and

WHEREAS, this month, we reaffirm our commitment to never compromise our steadfast support for the Jewish community, our rejection of anti-Semitic bigotry, and our disdain for malicious attacks of hatred. Jewish Americans strengthen, sustain, and inspire our country through dedication to family, respect for cherished traditions, and commitment to the values of justice and equality that unite Americans of every faith and background; and

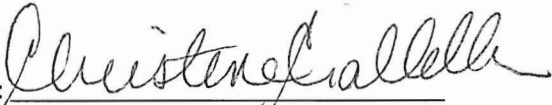
WHEREAS, this month, we give thanks for the profound contributions that Jewish Americans continue to make to our society, and way of life. We honor their spirit and resiliency during Jewish American Heritage Month and celebrate the myriad of ways they enrich our country and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes **Jewish American Heritage Month**.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

By: 
Sean Longfellow, Council President

I, Christine Ciallella, do certify this to be a true copy of Resolution **R136-2021** adopted by the Township of Washington, Gloucester County, at the regular meeting held on May 12, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

By: 
 Christine Ciallella, RMG, CMR
 Township Clerk

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
DellaPia		X	X				
Williams			X				
Bennett	X		X				
Dougherty			X				
Longfellow			X				