

# Proclamation

**by Governor Patrick Morrisey**

**Whereas,** *Jewish American History Month* is an opportunity to celebrate Jewish Americans and encourage all to learn more about Jewish heritage in the United States; and

**Whereas,** *Jewish American History Month* originated in 1980 when Congress passed a resolution which authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating April 21-28, 1980 as Jewish Heritage Week, and since 2007, the White House has issued a proclamation for Jewish American Heritage Month; and

**Whereas,** the American Jewish community has grown to over six million, representing approximately 2% of the American population today; and

**Whereas,** Jewish Americans past and present serve in government and the military, win Nobel prizes, head universities and corporations, advance medicine, create enduring works of visual and performance art, write great American novels, and so much more; and

**Whereas,** West Virginia remains committed to supporting its Jewish American population and to condemning all forms of religious discrimination; and

**Whereas,** the month of May is a time for West Virginians to learn more about the heritage and accomplishments of Jewish Americans through educational programming, activities, and ceremonies.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 2025* as:

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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.



**Patrick Morrisey**  
Governor

**By the Governor:**



**Kris Warner**  
Secretary of State