

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 from efforts of Congress and the White House: in 1980, Congress passed a resolution which authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating April 21-28 as Jewish Heritage Week, and each year, starting in 2007, the President has issued a proclamation designating the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month; and
- Whereas,** the American Jewish community has grown to over six million, representing approximately 2 percent of the American population today; and
- Whereas,** Jewish Americans past and present have served in government and the military, won Nobel prizes, headed universities and corporations, advanced medicine, created enduring works of visual and performance art, written 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.

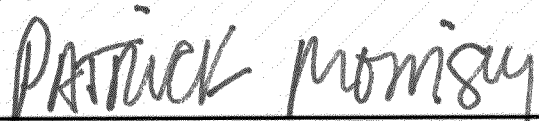
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 2026* as:

Jewish American History Month

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-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State