

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 02-061324

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE
MONTH

WHEREAS the United States, California, and the city of Mountain View is a melting pot of heritages and cultures; and,

WHEREAS Mountain View Whisman School District has honored this mosaic of people and unique contributions to our communities through commemorative months; and

WHEREAS for centuries, the perseverance and hope of the Jewish people have inspired people around the world; and

WHEREAS, by honoring each other's cultures, we can educate ourselves about the rich diversity that makes up our community; and

WHEREAS, Jewish American culture has been inextricably woven into the fabric of our country as Jewish American suffragists, activists, and leaders marched for civil rights, women's rights, and voting rights; and

WHEREAS, Jewish American scientists, doctors, and engineers have made scientific breakthroughs that define America as a land of possibilities, served our Nation in uniform, on the Nation's highest courts, and at the highest levels of the presidential administration; and

WHEREAS, as public servants, artists, entertainers, journalists, and poets, they have helped write the story of America, making it — as Emma Lazarus' poem on the Statue of Liberty states — a home for the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free"; and

WHEREAS, As we celebrate the Jewish American community's contributions this month, we also honor their resilience in the face of a long and painful history of persecution. Hamas' attack on October 7th against Israel marked the deadliest day for Jewish people since the Holocaust, resurfacing, including here in the United States, painful scars from millennia of antisemitism and genocide of Jewish people; and,

WHEREAS the Anti-Defamation League recorded a 135-percent increase of incidents at K–12 schools, a 237-percent increase at Jewish institutions, and a 321-percent increase on college and university campuses compared to the same timeframe the previous year, with most occurring after October 7; and

WHEREAS to counter the rise of antisemitism, it is critical to increase awareness of Jewish-American contributions, dating back to the founding of the United States:

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that Mountain View Whisman School District— During Jewish American Heritage Month, celebrate the immeasurable impact of Jewish values, contributions, and culture on our Nation’s character and recommit to realizing the promise of America for all Jewish Americans; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees adopts Resolution No. 02-061324 to encourage the celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month in the schools of the district with culturally-responsive activities and to acknowledge the significance of Jewish American Heritage Month now and always.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Board of the Mountain View Whisman School District this 13th day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees at a regular meeting as stated above.

President
Board of Trustees
Mountain View Whisman School District