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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Robin Stieler, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Supervisor Janet Nguyen, First District

DATE: April 22, 2025

RE: **Resolution to Recognize Jewish American Heritage Month 2025**

Please add the following presentation to the May 20, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting:

Supervisor Janet Nguyen presenting a resolution recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month 2025.

## Jewish American Heritage Month

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

**WHEREAS**, May marks a period of time when many Jewish observances occur. This includes Holocaust Remembrance Day, Israel Independence Day, and Israel Memorial Day. This month is a time to honor the history and lives lost in search for freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, It is also a time to honor and celebrate the invaluable contributions of Jewish Americans who have enriched the cultural, economic, and civic life of our community and nation since its founding; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans have played an instrumental role in shaping the framework of the United States, including serving as leaders in fields such as science, technology, arts, medicine, law, education, and public service; and

**WHEREAS**, For generations, Jewish Americans have sought refuge in the United States, fleeing persecution and oppression, and have found a welcoming home in the State of California and Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, Orange County is home to a vibrant Jewish community of approximately 87,000 individuals, representing a rich tapestry of traditions, beliefs, and backgrounds, and includes 38 Jewish synagogues that serve as pillars of faith, fellowship, and cultural enrichment; these institutions have provided spiritual guidance, fostered community engagement, and preserved the rich heritage of Judaism for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans embrace their heritage through cultural, religious, and ethical traditions. They share a profound history, identity, and ancestry that are rooted in Judaism—a faith and ethnic identity that encompasses ancient beliefs, practices, mythologies, and laws; and

**WHEREAS**, The Jewish American community has consistently demonstrated resilience and courage in overcoming prejudice, antisemitism, and discrimination, remaining steadfast in their pursuit of justice, equality, and freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Designating a time for Jewish American Heritage Month provides a vital opportunity to educate the public about the Jewish American experience, celebrate the cultural and historical contributions of the Jewish American community, and foster greater understanding and appreciation of their role in our Orange County community;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Orange County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month, honoring the resilience, cultural pride, and enduring legacy of Jewish Americans.