## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, West Windsor is proud of its rich cultural history and the many people who call our town home; and

WHEREAS, our vibrant and diverse Jewish American community constitutes a vital element of the Township's diverse ethnic and social fabric whose languages and cultures have enriched the lives of its citizens;

and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage month since 2006,

recognizing over 350 years of the Jewish people's contributions to our culture and community; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans' love of family, community, and hard work, as well as their commitment to

freedom and justice for all people, have helped to strengthen and uphold the founding principles of

our nation for generations; and

WHEREAS, Jewish American entrepreneurs, researchers and educators strengthen our economy and our

community through their dedication and ingenuity, inspiring the next generation of American

innovation by example; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have made significant contributions across all fields, including science,

education, medicine, law, politics, business, culture, military service, charities, sports, and more;

and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans in West Windsor contribute to our community every day as volunteers, first

responders, educators, medical professionals, business owners, professionals, service personnel and

in government; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, the Jewish community comes together to celebrate its thousands of years

of heritage and tradition rooted in Israel and the diaspora throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many contributions the Jewish American community has made to our beloved

Nation, State and Township, and reaffirm our total rejection of anti-Semitism and all forms of

bigotry;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 13th day of May, 2024 by the Mayor and Township Council of the

Township of West Windsor, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township

Council recognize May as:

Jewish American Heritage Month in perpetuity

In witness whereof, we hereunto set our signatures and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the Township of West Windsor this 13th day of May, 2024.

Hemani Marathe, Mayor

Andrea Mandel, Council Vice President

Daniel Weiss, Council Member

Linda Geeyers, Council President

Sonia Gawas Council Member

Martin Whitfield Council Member