



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Jewish American Heritage Month had its origins in 1980 when Congress authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating a week in April or May as Jewish Heritage Week; and

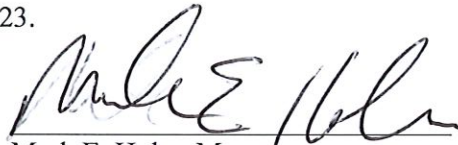
**WHEREAS**, President Carter issued the first proclamation in April 1980 which spoke about the bountiful contributions made by the Jewish people to the culture and history of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month formalizing the crowning achievement in an effort by the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish community leaders that resulted in resolutions urging the president to proclaim a month that would recognize the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture; and

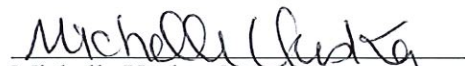
**WHEREAS**, the Jewish American story is an essential chapter of the American narrative. It is one of refuge from persecution; of commitment to service, faith, democracy, and peace; and of tireless work to achieve success. As leaders in every facet of American life -- from athletics, entertainment, and the arts to academia, business, government, and our Armed Forces -- Jewish Americans have shaped our Nation and helped steer the course of our history.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mark Holm, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, do hereby proclaim May, 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month and encourage all its citizens to join in this observance.

**DATED AND SIGNED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2023.

  
Mark E. Holm, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Michelle Yuska, City Clerk