San Mateo Union High School District
Proclamation Recognizing May 1-31, 2025
As Jewish American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2006, the Federal Government proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month, stating, "As a nation of the immigrants, the United States is better and stronger because Jewish people from all over the world have chosen to become American citizens,"

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have been an important part of American history and have greatly contributed to all areas of American life and culture since our nation's earliest days; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish American experience is a story of faith, fortitude and progress. Generations of Jews have immigrated to the United States in search of a better life for themselves and their families, and these immigrants made invaluable contributions in support of equality and civil rights through their leadership and achievements; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans connect to their Jewish identity in a variety of ways, such as culturally, ethnically, religiously and by following Jewish ethics and values. Jewish Americans are racially, ethnically, socially, politically and economically diverse, and

WHEREAS, we also recognize that many Jewish Americans continue to face prejudice, bigotry, and violence as they experience a dramatic rise in antisemitic events; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo Union High School District is committed to providing a safe learning and working environment that is free from discrimination and harassment. The District denounces bullying, hazing, hate incidents or any behavior that infringes on the safety or well-being of students, employees, or any person within the District's jurisdiction without regard to intent, as outlined in the District's Bulletin on Responding to and Reporting Bullying, Hazing, and Hate Incidents and Crimes; and

WHEREAS, SMUHSD shares a responsibility to condemn and combat antisemitism wherever it exists, to include Jewish Americans in all facets of civic life, and to stand with the Jewish American community against hatred or bigotry in our District and country; and

WHEREAS, SMUHSD has an important role to play in educating students about the Jewish people through the curricula that accurately represents their history and customs; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the rich and diverse heritage of the Jewish American community, including those who live, work, and play in SMUHSD, and;

WHEREAS, we recognize Jewish American commitment to civic engagement and how SMUHSD has been enriched by local Jewish institutions and synagogues.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board that the San Mateo Union High School District hereby declares the month of May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month in appreciation of the achievements and contributions made by members of the Jewish community. The SMUHSD Board of Trustees calls upon all residents to celebrate Jewish Americans who have woven the fabric of our country and community, and supports opportunities to learn more

about Jewish American history and culture.

SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Passed and adopted on the 24th day of April, 2025

Superintendent

Robert Griffin
President, Board of Trustees