Sun Prairie Area School District
Futures depend on us...every child, every day.

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE AND AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, since 2006, the month of May is recognized as Jewish American Heritage and Awareness Month across the country; and

WHEREAS, in 1654, the first Jewish settlers arrived in New Amsterdam, present-day New York City, and in the centuries since, Jewish Americans have contributed in countless ways to our country's culture and character, from the arts and sciences to business and public service; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish tenet *tikkun olam*, translated from Hebrew as "repair of the world," is a call to Jews to pursue justice and righteousness for all of humanity and from the fight for women's rights to LGBT rights to workers' rights, many in the Jewish American community, drawing on lessons from their own past, have trumpeted a clarion call for equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 330,000 persecuted Jews from Germany, Russia, Poland, and several other countries overcame restrictions and immigration quotas to find refuge in the United States between 1933 and 1952, and the Jewish experience in America has consistently reminded us that liberty and opportunity ultimately triumph over prejudice and hate; and

WHEREAS, the contributions from our Jewish American students, families, and staff are a vital and vibrant part of our public school system; and

WHEREAS, the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education, educators and staff across the district, parents, and community members of the Sun Prairie Area School District are committed to a vision that "reflects the cultures of our diverse community" and a mission to "inspire and prepare every child, every day, by providing relevant, engaging and innovative learning experiences in and out of the classroom"; and

WHEREAS, we are committed as a District to keep safe, honor, and love all of our children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education proclaims May to be Jewish American Heritage and Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education strongly encourages our staff and community members to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Jewish Americans to our schools, communities, state, and country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Proclamation was duly passed by the Board of Education of the Sun Prairie Area School District on the 27th day of April 2026.

Diana McFarland

Diana McFarland, President
On behalf of the Board of Education

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