



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Jewish American Heritage Month is an annual celebration of Jewish Americans who have helped weave the fabric of American history, culture, and society; and

**WHEREAS**, 2023 marks the 43rd annual celebration of achievements and contributions by Jewish Americans, starting with the establishment of “Jewish American Heritage Week in 1980” and expanded upon in 2006, when Congress called on the country to observe annual Jewish American Heritage Month each May; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish American Heritage Month acknowledges achievements of American Jews and recognizes their indispensable roles in our nation's civic and community life, making invaluable contributions to our nation through their leadership and achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, our city recognizes that the alarming rise in antisemitism and hatred is a threat not only to the Jewish people but to all of us, and that we must foster the conditions that allow our communities to be safe, healthy, and vital; and

**WHEREAS**, we offer hope and optimism through the celebration of the vibrant heritage of the Jewish Americans who have enriched our country and our communities for hundreds of years by bringing Jewish American Heritage Month to our cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish American Heritage Month pays tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans who have helped form the fabric of American History.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I Kent Guinn**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as

## **JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

in Ocala and I call upon all citizens to celebrate the heritage and contributions of American Jews and to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2023.



Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala