

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
RESOLUTION 20/21-#73
Recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, National Jewish American Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes Jewish contributions to American culture, history, military, science, government, education, and all areas of American life; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2006, the Federal Government proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month, stating, “As a nation of immigrants, the United States is better and stronger because Jewish people from all over the world have chosen to become American citizens. Since arriving in 1654, Jewish Americans have achieved great success, strengthened our country, and helped shape our way of life”; and

WHEREAS, the Mt Diablo Unified School District proud to serve and employ Jewish American students, parents and employees; and

WHEREAS the history of Jewish Americans in American life often remains neglected or defaced by misunderstanding, bigotry, and anti-Jewish hate in the forms of crime and speech; and

WHEREAS issues currently affecting Jewish Americans such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, harassment, and bullying, must be combated in the forms of education and awareness; and

WHEREAS there is a need for public education, awareness and policies that are culturally competent when describing, discussing, or addressing the impacts of being Jewish American in all aspects of American society, including discourse and policy. Additionally there are resources which may be utilized in class and at home to learn more about the history, contributions and culture of Jewish Americans such as JAHM website (jewishheritagemonth.gov), National Museum of Jewish History (nmajhorg/jewish-american-heritage-month/) and National Park Service’s National Register of Historic Places (nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/jewish-american-heritage-month/); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District hereby recognizes May as Jewish American Heritage Month and supports opportunities for all students, staff, faculty, and members of the public to honor and learn more about Jewish American history and culture.

AYES: NOES: ABSENCES: ABSTENTIONS:

Cherise Khaund, Board
President

Debra Mason, Board Vice President

Linda Mayo, Board Member

Erin McFerrin, Board Member

Keisha Nzewi, Board Member

Dr. Adam Clark, Superintendent

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Adopted at the meeting of the MDUSD Governing Board of Education on 05/26/2021
