



THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR



*To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is presented to all observing*

Jewish American Heritage Month

May 2024

Jewish history is tightly woven into our cultural tapestry. Artists and intellectuals of all backgrounds allude to the Promised Land, the parting of the Red Sea, forty years wandering the wilderness, and Manna from Heaven in a wide array of contexts.

In modern times, Jewish Americans have achieved boundless success in public service, academia, business, and the fine arts. These men and women embody a set of values that has influenced American thought at the most fundamental level, and they have personally shaped the development of our nation from its earliest days.

Each year, the month of May is set aside to celebrate the role that Jewish Americans—past and present—have played in the larger story of our people. These observances and hereafter offer an opportunity for Texans across the state to reflect upon the prejudice and persecution Jewish people have faced throughout history.

Moreover, as antisemitism continues to rise across the world, it is imperative now more than ever that we stand in solidarity with Israel and the Jewish community and fight against hate, religious bigotry, and terrorism across the nation and the globe. We will not allow hate to disrupt the very principles that our great nation was founded upon—freedom, tolerance, and religious liberty.

I encourage all Texans to learn more about the significant role Jewish people have played in our nation and to appreciate their rich heritage. As we celebrate our state's diversity, let us never forget our unwavering support for the State of Israel and its people, and may we always strive toward an even higher virtue—unity—by reinforcing the values that transcend culture and ethnicity.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in encouraging all Texans to observe Jewish American Heritage Month with programs and activities of celebration.



*In testimony whereof, I have signed my name
and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be
affixed at the City of Austin this the 1st day of
May, 2024.*

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas