



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: Jewish American Heritage Month is an opportunity to honor the rich history, culture and contributions of Jewish Americans to our nation, our state and our community; and

Whereas: for generations, Jewish Americans have contributed to the cultural, economic, scientific and civic life of the United States - including here in Bellevue - through leadership in education, business, the arts, public service and social justice; and

Whereas: Jewish Americans have demonstrated resilience in the face of discrimination, antisemitism and violence, and continue to advance the values of equality, religious freedom and human dignity; and

Whereas: the city of Bellevue stands in solidarity with the Jewish community in condemning antisemitism and all forms of hate, and remains committed to fostering a safe, inclusive and welcoming city for all; and

Whereas: Bellevue is strengthened by its diverse faith and cultural communities, including Jewish organizations, congregations and families who contribute to interfaith understanding, civic engagement and community life; and

Whereas: Jewish American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate these contributions and reaffirm our shared commitment to inclusion, respect and belonging.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 2026, as**

Jewish American Heritage Month

in Bellevue and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the history, culture and ongoing contributions of Jewish Americans to our community and nation.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue