## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, West Windsor is proud of its rich cultural history and the many people who call our town home; and
- WHEREAS, our vibrant and diverse Jewish American community constitutes a vital element of the Township's diverse ethnic and social fabric whose languages and cultures have enriched the lives of its citizens; and
- WHEREAS, the United States of America has proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage month since 2006, recognizing over 350 years of the Jewish people's contributions to our culture and community; and
- WHEREAS, Jewish Americans' love of family, community, and hard work, as well as their commitment to freedom and justice for all people, have helped to strengthen and uphold the founding principles of our nation for generations; and
- WHEREAS, Jewish American entrepreneurs, researchers and educators strengthen our economy and our community through their dedication and ingenuity, inspiring the next generation of American innovation by example; and
- WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have made significant contributions across all fields, including science, education, medicine, law, politics, business, culture, military service, charities, sports, and more; and
- WHEREAS, Jewish Americans in West Windsor contribute to our community every day as volunteers, first responders, educators, medical professionals, business owners, professionals, service personnel and in government; and
- WHEREAS, during the month of May, the Jewish community comes together to celebrate its thousands of years of heritage and tradition rooted in Israel and the diaspora throughout the world; and
- WHEREAS, we recognize the many contributions the Jewish American community has made to our beloved Nation, State and Township, and reaffirm our total rejection of anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 8th day of May, 2023 by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Windsor, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Council recognize May as:

Jewish American Heritage Month in perpetuity

In witness whereof, we hereunto set our signatures and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the Township of West Windsor this 8th day of May, 2023.

Hemant Marathe. lavor

Michael Stevens, Council Vice President

Linda Geevers, Council Member

Andrea Mandel, Council President

Sonia Gawas, Council Member

Martin Whitfield, Council Member