

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, for nearly 370 years, Jews have profoundly contributed to America's history, society, and culture; an

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, then-President George W. Bush established May as "Jewish American Heritage Month" to honor the long history of Jewish Americans and the many contributions of Jewish Americans to American culture, history, military, science, government, education, and all areas of American life; and

**WHEREAS**, the proud heritage of Jewish Americans is a reminder of our nation's constitutional commitment to religious freedom and the importance of a dedication to community and history; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States is experiencing a rise in antisemitic activity, and Jewish Americans are the targets of 60 percent of the religiously based hate crimes and bias-based incidents, despite constituting 2.4% of the U.S. populations; and

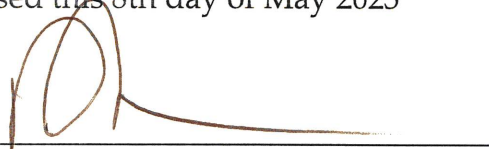
**WHEREAS**, our society needs to reaffirm our rejection of antisemitic bigotry and our commitment to never compromise our steadfast support for the Jewish community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BONNIE KAHN OGNISANTI**, Supervisor of Niles Township Government, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

## **"JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"**

In Niles Township and we express appreciation for the significant contributions made by Jewish Americans to the diverse community that comprises Niles Township, the State of Illinois, and the United States of America

Passed this 8th day of May 2023

  
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Bonnie Kahn Ognisanti  
Supervisor

