WHEREAS, ever since the arrival of Jewish immigrants in the 16th century to America, they have played a central role in the creation, growth, freedom, prosperity, and strength of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the biblical and modern history of the Jewish people, along with the lasting values of the Jewish faith, served as crucial inspirations for the founding of the United States and the Civil Rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans continue to influence America's global leadership in championing freedom, dedication to social justice, and many fundamental principles of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have made significant contributions to the arts, entertainment, science and technology, government, business, culinary traditions, and other fields, thus playing an important role in shaping American culture; and

WHEREAS, for forty three years, every President of the United States has declared a period of time for celebrating the contributions of the Jewish community's history, heritage, and culture; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Congress passed a bipartisan resolution calling on State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe a full month to celebrate the history of Jewish contributions to the founding of the country; and

WHEREAS, every year since, the President of the United States has proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek hereby proclaims the month of May 2024, as

"JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

in appreciation of Jewish history and the invaluable contributions Jewish Americans have made to the United States.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and cause the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed this 9th day of May 2024