



proclamation

WHEREAS, Jewish immigrants to America, ever since their first arrival to our shores in the 16th century, have played an important role in the creation, growth, freedom, prosperity, and strength of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Jewish citizens of Hanover Park play a central role, including by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and the Illinois National Guard; and

WHEREAS, As an American and as Mayor of Hanover Park, I am committed to stand against all forms of hate and bigotry. We are united in our commitment to dignity, compassion and justice for all residents of Hanover Park; and

WHEREAS, For nearly 43 years, every Congress has authorized, and each President of the United States has declared, a period of time each year for the celebration of Jewish culture, history, and contributions to the United States. 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 in which American Jewish history is celebrated. Since then, every President has proclaimed the month of May to be Jewish American Heritage Month. We are determined to do our part in answering Congress’ call to local governments; and

WHEREAS, Antisemitism has been rising at an alarming rate in our country, and many of our cities have experienced an increase in antisemitic incidents. The resurgence of this ancient hatred is a threat not only to Jewish people but to all of us. By bringing Jewish American Heritage Month to our cities, we offer hope and optimism through the celebration of the vibrant heritage of the Jewish Americans who have enriched our country and our communities for hundreds of years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rodney S. Craig, President of the Village of Hanover Park, do hereby proclaim May as Jewish Heritage Month and call upon all our citizens to commemorate this occasion by appropriately celebrating the contributions to our Country and the Village of Hanover Park of the Jewish community’s history, heritage and culture.

dated this 4th day of May, 2023

Rodney S. Craig
Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park

Kristy Merrill
Village Clerk