

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 506

**WHEREAS,** May 2025 is being observed as Jewish American Heritage Month, a time to recognize the many vital contributions made by Jewish Americans to the United States and to the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS,** The American Jewish community traces its roots to 1654, when a group of 23 Jewish men, women, and children migrated to New Amsterdam, present-day New York City, from Recife, Brazil, to escape religious persecution; during the more than three and a half centuries that have followed, Jewish Americans have played an integral role in our nation's development and have demonstrated their commitment to country and community in myriad ways; only a few years after the 350th anniversary of that historic arrival, May was officially proclaimed Jewish American Heritage Month by President George W. Bush in 2006; and

**WHEREAS,** Jewish Americans have served with distinction in government and the military, led universities and global corporations, and upheld the rule of law, including service on the U.S. Supreme Court; they have advanced science and medicine, earned Nobel Prizes, and immeasurably enriched American culture through their achievements in literature, art, music, film, and other fields; and

**WHEREAS,** Jewish Americans in Texas have played an instrumental role in the growth and success of the state since its earliest days; they served as soldiers in the Texas Revolution, founded communities such as Castroville and Waco, and established congregations and charitable institutions statewide; moreover, Jewish Americans have helped to shape the cultural and economic fabric of Texas through business,

education, philanthropy, and civic engagement; today, members of Jewish organizations throughout Texas continue to build on this proud legacy, ensuring that the values of freedom, justice, and community service endure for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Since the time of our country's founding, Jewish Americans have distinguished themselves in every field of endeavor, and it is fitting to acknowledge and celebrate the role they have played, and continue to play, in strengthening the prosperity, resilience, and quality of life in our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month.

Paxton

Alvarado	Hagenbuch	Menéndez
Bettencourt	Hall	Middleton
Birdwell	Hancock	Miles
Blanco	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	Nichols
Campbell	Hinojosa of Nueces	Parker
Cook	Huffman	Perry
Creighton	Hughes	Schwertner
Eckhardt	Johnson	Sparks
Flores	King	West
Gutierrez	Kolkhorst	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2025.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate