



Proclamation

Whereas, For nearly 43 years, every Congress, and each President of the United States, has declared a week each year for the celebration of Jewish culture, history, and contributions to the nation; and

Whereas, In 2006, Congress passed a bipartisan resolution "calling on State and local governments and the people of the United States" to observe May as Jewish American Heritage Month; 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, with this resurgence of hatred creating a threat not only to Jewish people but to all of us; and

Whereas, 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

Whereas, As leaders of America's cities, we must create the conditions that allow our communities to be safe, healthy, and vital;

Now, Therefore, I, MATTHEW PACIFICO, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA, DO PROCLAIM MAY 2023 TO BE JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN ALTOONA AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES.

In Witness Whereof, I Hereby Set My Hand and Present the Seal of the City of Altoona, affixed on this 1st Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, 2023.

Matthew Pacifico, Mayor

