

PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

WHEREAS, in 1654, a small ship carrying 23 Jewish refugees sailed to the port of present-day New York City; and

WHEREAS, fleeing oppression and discrimination, these courageous women and men faced resistance from the colony's leaders; and

WHEREAS, they secured the right to remain and became the first Jewish communal presence to settle on American soil; and

WHEREAS, they expanded the frontier of religious freedoms that would help define the bedrock principles upon which this Nation was built; and

WHEREAS, we honor these 23 refugees and the centuries of successive generations of Jewish Americans who, shaped by encounters with prejudice, persecution, and the promise of a better tomorrow, have emboldened our Nation to stand up for justice, equality, and freedom; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans who, through their words and actions, embraced the opportunity and responsibility of citizenship knowing that democracy is not born, or sustained, by accident; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Jewish American communal leadership, our Nation's first President pledged that our Government will "give to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance"; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Jewish American poetry, our shores have welcomed millions with the words, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free;" and

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, Jewish Americans have proudly served our Nation in uniform, in elected office, and on our Nation's highest courts; and

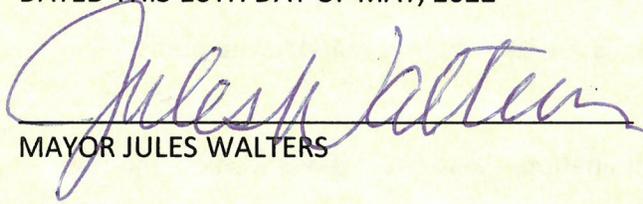
WHEREAS, they have made enormous contributions to America's cultural, scientific, artistic, and intellectual life, and they have marched, petitioned, and boarded buses to demand civil and political rights for all – from women's rights to voting rights, to workers' rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN, that May 2022 is

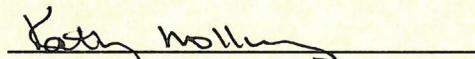
JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

And we encourage all community members to visit JewishHeritageMonth.gov to learn more about the heritage and contributions of Jewish Americans.

DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF MAY, 2022


MAYOR JULES WALTERS

ATTEST:


KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

