

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1719

A RESOLUTION commemorating May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month
and honoring the contributions of the Jewish people to the
United States of America and the State of Kansas.

WHEREAS, Ever since Jewish immigrants first arrived to our shores in the 16th century, the Jewish people have played a central role in the creation, growth, freedom, prosperity and strength of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The biblical and contemporary history of the Jewish people and the enduring values of the Jewish faith were vital sources of inspiration for the founding of the United States, the Civil Rights movement, the United States' global leadership in the cause of freedom, the United States' commitment to social justice and many of the United States' most central tenets; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish community has helped define the character and values of the United States through core Jewish beliefs, such as the creation of man in the image of God, the infinite value of every human life, the need for a weekly Sabbath and the importance of education in the lives of children; and

WHEREAS, Following the rebirth of Zionism and the miraculous return of the Jewish people to the Jewish homeland, the United States was the first country in the world to recognize the State of Israel in 1948; and

WHEREAS, The State of Israel is now celebrating the 75th anniversary of its modern founding; and

WHEREAS, Since 1948, the State of Israel has emerged as a beacon of freedom, prosperity and world leader in technology, agriculture, water conservation and medicine; and

WHEREAS, The United States has developed a deep friendship and unbreakable alliance with the State of Israel based upon shared values and mutual interests; and

WHEREAS, Since the Jewish people first settled in Kansas after the Kansas territory was established in 1854, the Jewish people have played an integral role in Kansas history; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish people serve in the United States Armed Forces and the Kansas National Guard;
and

WHEREAS, Kansas unequivocally engages in trade and other relations with the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, For 42 years, every United States President has declared a period of time to celebrate the Jewish people's contributions to the United States and the Jewish community's history, heritage and culture; and

WHEREAS, In February 2006, the United States Congress adopted a concurrent resolution, with bipartisan support, urging the President of the United States to issue a Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation every May; and

WHEREAS, Since 2006, the President of the United States has declared the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we commemorate May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month and honor the contributions of Jewish Americans to the United States of America and the State of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That we urge all schools in Kansas to commemorate Jewish American Heritage Month through appropriate announcements and programming; and

Be it further resolved: That we further urge all Kansas museums and historical societies to host relevant programs commemorating Jewish American Heritage Month; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Erickson.

Senate Resolution No. 1719 was sponsored by Senator Renee Erickson.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.