

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, *in 2006, President George W. Bush established May as “Jewish American Heritage Month” to honor the long history and the many contributions of Jewish Americans to American culture; and*

WHEREAS, *for nearly 370 years, Jews have profoundly contributed to America’s history, society, and all areas of American life, and the proud heritage of Jewish Americans is a reminder of our nation’s constitutional commitment to religious freedom and the importance of dedication to community and history; and*

WHEREAS, *according to FBI hate crime statistics, the United States is experiencing a rise in antisemitic activity, and Jewish Americans are the targets of 60 percent of religiously based hate crimes and bias-based incidents despite constituting 2.4% of the U.S. population; and*

WHEREAS, *our society needs to reaffirm our rejection of antisemitic bigotry and our commitment to never compromise our steadfast support for the Jewish community; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Des Plaines recognizes and appreciates the significant contributions made by Jewish Americans to our diverse community and strives to be an equitable and welcoming place for all;*

Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2023, as

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Dated this 15th day of May, 2023



Andrew Goczkowski, Mayor