

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.101

Reps. Arbit, Steckloff, Breen, Churches, Glanville, Haadsma, Hope, Hoskins, Morse, Rheingans, Schuette, Weiss and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, May is celebrated as Jewish American Heritage Month,
4 providing an opportunity to celebrate the rich history, culture,
5 and contributions of American Jews to the United States and the
6 state of Michigan; and

7 Whereas, Jewish presence in Michigan dates back over 250
8 years, to 1761, when Ezekiel Solomon settled in Fort
9 Michilimackinac, now Mackinaw City; and

10 Whereas, Michigan is home to a vibrant Jewish community nearly

1 100,000 strong that has grown and flourished across the state, with
2 significant Jewish presence in the Metro Detroit communities of
3 West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Oak Park, Huntington Woods,
4 Southfield, Franklin, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Commerce, Ann
5 Arbor, and other communities; and

6 Whereas, Michigan's Jewish community has been instrumental in
7 promoting economic growth and development, fostering education and
8 philanthropy, and supporting social justice and civil rights
9 causes; and

10 Whereas, Jews have made unique and substantial contributions
11 to civics, government, and leadership of the United States and
12 Michigan, including prominent figures such as Supreme Court
13 Justices Louis Brandeis and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, U.S. Senator Carl
14 Levin, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Michigan Attorney
15 General Dana Nessel; U.S. Representative Elissa Slotkin; Judge
16 Avern Cohn; and

17 Whereas, Jews have made unique and substantial contributions
18 to movements for justice and civil rights, including Gloria
19 Steinem, Harvey Milk, Samuel Gompers, Bella Abzug, Rabbi Abraham
20 Joseph Heschel, and countless others; and

21 Whereas, Jews have made substantial contributions to economic
22 development, business, and philanthropy in Michigan and across the
23 United States, including leaders in the Detroit Jewish community
24 David Hermelin, Max Fisher, William Davidson, and Gary Torgow; and

25 Whereas, Jews have made invaluable contributions to the arts,
26 culture, sports, and entertainment in America, with notable figures
27 such as Gilda Radner, Hank Greenberg, Joan Rivers, Stephen
28 Sondheim, Stan Lee, Barbra Streisand, Steven Spielberg, among
29 countless others; and

1 Whereas, Jews have played a vital role in building America's
2 engine of innovation in the fields of science, technology,
3 medicine, and fashion, with pioneers such as Albert Einstein, Larry
4 Page, Carl Sagan, Levi Strauss, Hedy Lamarr, and Ruth Handler; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
7 this legislative body declare May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage
8 Month in the state of Michigan. We celebrate the countless
9 groundbreaking, unique, and significant contributions of American
10 Jews, which have had a profound impact in shaping the development
11 and character of our state and country.