

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Jewish immigrants to America, ever since the first arrival to our shores in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, have played a central role in the creation, growth, freedom, prosperity, and strength of the United States of America; 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, America's global leadership in the cause of freedom, Americans' commitment to social justice, and many of our Country's most central tenets; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish residents of Spokane, having first settled here in 1879, played a central role in the development and economic life of the city, including by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and Washington National Guard;

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans have made significant contributions to the arts, entertainment, science and technology, government, business, culinary traditions, and other fields in the United States, Jewish Americans have played an important role in shaping American culture;

**WHEREAS**, for forty-three years, every president of the United States has declared a period of time for celebrating the contributions to the United States of the Jewish community's history, heritage, and culture, and since 2006, the month of May has been Presidentially declared to be Jewish American Heritage Month, pursuant to a bipartisan resolution of Congress:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as

### JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in Spokane and call upon all residents to commemorate this occasion by appropriately celebrating the contributions of the to our Country and City of the Jewish community's history, heritage and culture.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
1st day of May 2024.

*Lisa Brown*

Lisa Brown  
Mayor

