

# **Proclamation**

## **Jewish Heritage Month**

### **May 2023**

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Whereas the Jewish population of British Columbia and in the City of Richmond reflects the rich and varied history of the Jewish people comprising a population tracing its origins to many different parts of the world and embracing the many different traditions and practices within Judaism

Whereas Statistics Canada notes that the Jewish population in the country is approximately 400,000 people, more than 1% of the total Canadian population, making it the fourth-largest Jewish population in the world

Whereas the Jewish community has a long and proud history in Canada and has made significant contributions to the wellbeing, growth and prosperity of Canada while overcoming tremendous obstacles

Whereas Jews have excelled in a wide range of endeavours including the arts, sciences, the law, architecture, media, finance, entertainment and business significantly contributing to Canadian life

Whereas the month of May is meaningful for the Jewish community around the world

Whereas in 2018 Parliament adopted Bill S-232 "An Act respecting Canadian Jewish Heritage Month" designating the month of May as Canadian Jewish Heritage Month thereby recognizing the important contributions that Jewish Canadians have made to Canada's social, economic, political and cultural fabric

Whereas Parliament declared that the Canadian Jewish Heritage Month would provide an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the inspirational role that Jewish Canadians have played and continue to play in communities across the country

B'nai Brith, a Jewish human rights organization that has been active nationally in Canada since 1875, has invited municipalities, school boards and other public agencies to enhance Parliament's declaration of the Canadian Jewish Heritage Month by adopting their own motions and promoting the celebration of the heritage month within their territory each May.

Therefore be it resolved that, I, Justin Towndale, do hereby proclaim the month of May as "Jewish Heritage Month" in the City of Cornwall.

Justin Towndale  
Mayor