

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE AND APPRECIATION MONTH
MAY 2024

- WHEREAS,** Monroe Township has a strong Jewish community as an important part of the town's fabric, including members at Chabad House of Monroe, Chabad Jewish Center of Monroe and Etz Chaim Monroe Township Jewish Center contributing in many ways to the strength and resilience of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout our history, Jewish people have helped advance society through science, politics, journalism, arts and entertainment, literature, commerce, human rights and more; and
- WHEREAS,** this community of neighbors, friends, colleagues and family members has offered much in the way of innovation, creativity, and lasting contributions to our common knowledge, but has also historically been subject to discrimination, hatred and violence that we continue to struggle with today; and
- WHEREAS,** antisemitism impacts millions of Jews and people of all backgrounds around the globe. The Anti-Defamation League tracks antisemitic incidents, and in 2022 recorded 3,697 incidents of assault, harassment and vandalism against Jewish people in the U.S., the highest number recorded since they began monitoring these trends in 1979; and
- WHEREAS,** Monroe Township strongly stands against hate, bias or violence based on race, nationality, gender, disability, or religion and encourages victims or witnesses of antisemitism or hate in Monroe to report it to the Monroe Township Police; and
- WHEREAS,** we are pleased to recognize and celebrate the resilience, faith, and heritage of this community, whose values, culture, and contributions have shaped our culture through the years and will continue to do so into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 to be designated as **Jewish American Heritage and Appreciation Month** in Monroe Township.

Dated: May 1, 2024



STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR