

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94

Reps. Conlin, Arbit, Paiz, Andrews, Pohutsky, Coffia, Weiss, Tsernoglou, Foreman, Glanville, Morgan, Breen, Steckloff, Wooden, Miller, Rheingans, Koleszar, MacDonell, Witwer, Martus, Hope and Wilson offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2025 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
11 100,000 strong that has grown and flourished across the state, with

1 significant Jewish presence in the Metro Detroit communities of
2 West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Oak Park, Huntington Woods,
3 Southfield, Franklin, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Commerce, Ann
4 Arbor, and other communities; and

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

9 Whereas, Jews have made unique and substantial contributions
10 to civics, government, and leadership of the United States and
11 Michigan from the Supreme Court to Congress; and

12 Whereas, Jews have made unique and substantial contributions
13 to movements for justice and civil rights, including Gloria
14 Steinem, Harvey Milk, Samuel Gompers, Bella Abzug, Rabbi Abraham
15 Joseph Heschel, and countless others; and

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

20 Whereas, Jews have made invaluable contributions to the arts,
21 culture, sports, and entertainment in America, with notable figures
22 such as Gilda Radner, Hank Greenberg, Joan Rivers, Stephen
23 Sondheim, Stan Lee, Barbra Streisand, Steven Spielberg, among
24 countless others; and

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

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
2 this legislative body declare May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage
3 Month in the state of Michigan. We celebrate the countless
4 groundbreaking, unique, and significant contributions of American
5 Jews, which have had a profound impact in shaping the development
6 and character of our state and country.