



A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN NEW ALBANY

WHEREAS, for 42 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; and

WHEREAS, ever since Jewish immigrants arrived at America's shores in the 16th century, the core values of the Jewish faith have helped to define America's character and values, including: that we are created in God's image, the infinite value of every human life, the need for a weekly Sabbath, and the importance of education in the lives of children; furthermore, they provided a source of inspiration in the Civil Rights movement, America's global leadership in the cause of freedom, and its commitment to social justice, and

WHEREAS, New Albany is proud of its four wonderful Jewish Institutions including: The Jewish Community Center New Albany, The Columbus Jewish Day School, Temple Beth Shalom, and Chabad of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, New Albany is home to a diverse mix of Jewish people who identify as Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, and more, who are unified in their support of our city and its leadership and values, and are aligned with people of faith from all walks of life who believe in the goodness of humanity, the values of kindness and openness, and the belief that together we can make this world a better place; and

WHEREAS, in May, hundreds of organizations and communities around the United States will join together to help people of all backgrounds discover, explore, and celebrate the vibrant cultural contributions and the varied American Jewish experience.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of the council and residents of New Albany, recognize May as **Jewish American Heritage Month**, and urge citizens to commemorate this occasion by celebrating the Jewish community's history, heritage, and cultural contributions.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal on this 19th day of May, 2026.

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "S. Spalding", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the name "Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor" is printed in a black, serif font.