



*City of Ellensburg*

# PROCLAMATION

Jewish American Heritage Month 2025

**Whereas**, fleeing oppression from other areas of the world and looking for a place where they could practice their faith and lead their lives freely, the first Jewish immigrants arrived on American soil in 1654 in New Amsterdam; and

**Whereas**, since 2006, when President George W. Bush issued the first Presidential Proclamation designating May as Jewish American Heritage Month; and

**Whereas**, bias acts of antisemitism continue to increase in Washington, across America, and in our community, we remember the anti-Jewish expulsions, mass murders, and discrimination of the Holocaust, and we recognize the need to root out prejudice and combat anti-Semitism locally, statewide, and nationally; and

**Whereas**, we recognize Jewish Americans who, in the face of discrimination, sexism, and hard times, made, and continue to make, significant contributions locally, statewide as well as nationally; and

**Whereas**, the City of Ellensburg recognizes and honors the many Jewish Americans in our community who strengthen our medical, educational, business, religious systems, and our civic organizations;

**Now, Therefore**, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg does hereby proclaim May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Ellensburg and encourages all residents to join in this observance by building bridges of understanding and friendship with our Jewish American neighbors.

Signed this 5th day of May 2025.

Attest:  
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Leader".

Rich Elliott, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Elliott".