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**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZE APRIL 29, 2026, AS “END JEW HATRED DAY” AND
RECOGNIZE MAY AS “JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”.**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

For millennia, the Jewish people have sustained their shared religious, cultural, and ethnic identity and traditions in the face of enslavement, persecution, genocide, segregation and discrimination, and all manners of adversity. Ever since the first Jew set foot in America in 1654, members of the Jewish community have made indelible contributions to the culture, history, and social fabric of Florida and the United States of America, strengthening the country and helping shape all areas of American life. The belief in the greatness of the American way of life, the freedoms enshrined in American law and jurisprudence, and the opportunities sustained by American democracy drew generations of Jewish immigrants to America, including Jews fleeing persecution and pogroms in Europe and the middle east, Holocaust survivors, and Jews trapped behind the Iron Curtain.

This history encouraged many Jews to become leading proponents and supporters of the civil rights movement, marching shoulder to shoulder with African Americans and others, united in support for equal rights, equal protection under the law, and the recognition and respect of human dignity. The Jewish community has prominently participated in virtually every civil rights effort in the American experience, fighting against discrimination and bigotry in all its forms and demanding the equal rights of every member of society. Despite the advances made in promoting social justice for other minority groups (though there is certainly much more to be done), the Jewish community has continued to be subjected to antisemitism and Jew-hatred, including discrimination in the workplace, at school, and in public spaces.

This antisemitism and Jew-hatred has manifested in places of work, on campuses, and in society, expressing itself as both discrimination and violence targeting Jews for their identity and seeking to deny their shared identity, including their indigenous connection to their ancestral homeland. Hate crimes directed against the Jewish community have skyrocketed in recent years. Inspiring the formation of a grassroots End Jew-hatred civil rights movement to alter public discourse and make Jew-hatred unacceptable in contemporary society, empowering Jews with positivity and strength to discover and enjoy their heritage in whichever manner they choose, without fear of attack or prosecution.

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We all share an obligation to condemn and combat Jew-hatred in all forms. Therefore, we recognize April 29, 2026, as "End Jew Hatred Day", and May as "Jewish American Heritage Month," in which people join together to commit to ending Jew-hatred across the United States, recognize the urgent need to stand resolute against Jew-hatred so that the intergenerational trauma of the past shall never be repeated, and celebrate the over 370-year history, culture, and contributions of Jewish Americans to U.S. history, science, art, and government.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. JOSEPH GELLER:**

That The School Board Of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize April 29, 2026, as "End Jew Hatred Day" and recognize May as "Jewish American Heritage Month".