
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 178
Author: Becker (D), et al.
Introduced: 5/11/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Jewish American Heritage Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month in California and would commend the Jewish American community for its profound contributions to California’s growth, innovation, and diversity, and would state that the Legislature encourages all Californians to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month, as specified.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) May is nationally recognized as Jewish American Heritage Month, first proclaimed in 2006, celebrating more than 350 years of Jewish contributions to the United States and underscoring our nation’s commitment to religious liberty.
- 2) Jewish Americans have left an indelible mark on California’s civic and political life, including leaders such as Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, who were elected in 1992—known as the “Year of the Woman”—and went on to serve together, making California the first state in the nation to be represented by two women in the United States Senate.
- 3) Jewish American Heritage Month invites Californians of every background to explore Jewish history, culture, and resilience, honoring generations who helped forge “a more perfect union” and continue to advance the cultural, economic, and civic life of our state and nation.

This resolution encourages all Californians to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month by deepening their understanding of Jewish history and culture,

participating in appropriate programs and ceremonies, and standing united against antisemitism.

Related/Prior Legislation

SR 47 (Stern, 2025) – Adopted by the Senate.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 5/13/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 5/13/26)

None received

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