## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Session of 2017

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the month of May 2017 as "Jewish American Heritage 2 Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, From our nation's earliest days, Jewish Americans
- 4 have been a critical part of the American story; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In the face of unspeakable discrimination and
- 6 adversity, Jewish Americans have fought tirelessly to realize
- 7 their piece of the American dream and the promise of our
- 8 founding, holding tight to the belief that a better day lies
- 9 ahead; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The relentless spirit and remarkable achievements of
- 11 Jewish Americans have enriched our country and this
- 12 Commonwealth, stirred our conscience and challenged us to extend
- 13 the miracles of freedom and security; and
- 14 WHEREAS, As tragic events show us all too often, Jewish
- 15 communities continue to confront hostility and bigotry,

- 1 including in our nation and this Commonwealth; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Our Commonwealth shares an obligation to condemn and
- 3 combat anti-Semitism and hatred wherever it exists, and we
- 4 remain committed to standing against the ugly tide of anti-
- 5 Semitism in all its forms; and
- 6 WHEREAS, In celebrating the contributions of the Jewish
- 7 people to the progress of our country and this Commonwealth, we
- 8 also reaffirm America's unwavering commitment to the security of
- 9 the State of Israel and the close bonds between our two nations
- 10 and our peoples; and
- 11 WHEREAS, For centuries, Jewish people have reached for the
- 12 blessings of freedom and opportunity in the United States; and
- 13 WHEREAS, During "Jewish American Heritage Month," we
- 14 celebrate the hard-fought progress won through struggle and
- 15 sacrifice and rededicate ourselves to building a Commonwealth
- 16 where diversity is cherished and faith is protected; therefore
- 17 be it
- 18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 19 month of May 2017 as "Jewish American Heritage Month" in
- 20 Pennsylvania.