

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 99**

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WHEREAS, Jewish immigrants to the United States of America first arrived in the sixteenth century before the country even existed and played a central role in the creation, growth, freedom, prosperity, and strength of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the biblical and contemporary history of Jewish people and the enduring values of the Jewish faith were vital sources of inspiration for the founding of the United States of America, the civil rights movement, the United States of America's global leadership in the cause of freedom, the commitment of Americans to social justice, and many of the United States of America's most central tenets; and

WHEREAS, through core Jewish beliefs such as the creation of man in the image of God, the infinite value of every human life, the need for a weekly Sabbath, and the importance of education in the lives of children, the Jewish community has helped to define the United States of America's character and values; and

WHEREAS, Jewish residents of Nebraska, having first settled here in 1855, played a central role in the betterment of the state including the initial settlement and development of Nebraska, serving in public office, being lead scholars in numerous academic fields, and serving in the United States Armed Forces and the Nebraska National Guard; and

WHEREAS, for forty-two years, every President of the United States has declared a period of time for celebrating the history, heritage, and culture of the Jewish community and their contributions to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, the month of May has been declared by the President

of the United States of America to be Jewish American Heritage Month, pursuant to a bipartisan resolution of Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature encourages all people to take time this month to appropriately celebrate the history, heritage, and culture of the Jewish community and their contributions to the United States of America and Nebraska.