

By Senator Campbell

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 12-16, 2018, as
Jewish American Heritage Week in Florida.

WHEREAS, nationally, Jewish American Heritage Month
resulted from a congressional initiative launched in 2005 to
recognize the more than 360-year history of Jewish contributions
to North American culture, and

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month has been
commemorated since 2006 through educational programs coordinated
by a number of government agencies, including the Library of
Congress, the National Archives, and the United States Holocaust
Memorial Museum, and

WHEREAS, Jewish immigrants from around the world continue
to journey to the State of Florida in search of hope, shelter,
and the opportunity for a new beginning, and

WHEREAS, the population of Jewish Americans in the United
States has grown to 5.7 million, and 654,860 Jewish Americans
reside in this state, and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have made vital contributions to
the development of our communities, academic institutions, civic
organizations, and businesses, and

WHEREAS, while contributing to every facet of American
society, Jewish Americans have infused our nation's civic,
social, economic, and cultural life with their own unique
culture, customs, and dynamic heritage, and

WHEREAS, the faith and hard work of Jewish Americans have
played an integral role in shaping the cultural fabric of this
state, and

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30 WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have worked to promote civil
31 rights and build bridges of mutual understanding between the
32 world's religions, and

33 WHEREAS, during Jewish American Heritage Month the nation
34 celebrates and honors the invaluable contributions of Jewish
35 Americans to our way of life, and it is fitting that the proud
36 history of Jewish Americans be recognized in this state, NOW,
37 THEREFORE,

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39 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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41 That February 12-16, 2018, is recognized as Jewish American
42 Heritage Week in Florida.