

Trump Calls for National Shabbat in Historic First for US Presidents

President Donald Trump has issued what many are describing as a historic proclamation encouraging Americans to observe a national Shabbat during Jewish American Heritage Month.

The proclamation, connected to America's upcoming 250th anniversary celebration, marks what the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews says is the first time a sitting U.S. president has formally called for a national Shabbat observance tied specifically to Jewish tradition.

The observance is scheduled from sundown May 15 to nightfall May 16 and is part of the broader "Rededicate 250" initiative leading into the nation's semi-quincentennial celebration.

According to the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, Trump's proclamation encourages Americans to pause for reflection, prayer and gratitude while recognizing the contributions of Jewish Americans throughout U.S. history.

Trump's Proclamation

In the official proclamation recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month, Trump praised the influence and legacy of Jewish Americans in the nation's history and culture.



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"In special honor of 250 glorious years of American independence and on the weekend of Rededicate 250 – a national jubilee of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving – Jewish Americans are encouraged to observe a national Sabbath," the

proclamation states.

Trump also connected the observance to the nation's spiritual heritage and the upcoming 250th anniversary of American independence.

"From sundown on May 15 to nightfall on May 16, friends, families, and communities of all backgrounds may come together in gratitude for our great Nation. This day will recognize the sacred Jewish tradition of setting aside time for rest, reflection, and gratitude to the Almighty," the proclamation states.

He also stated that "Under my leadership, we are aggressively fighting the violence against Jewish Americans that increased under my predecessor, prosecuting hateful criminals to the fullest extent of the law, and working to end the scourge of anti-Semitism throughout our institutions."

A Renewed Focus on Faith and Rest

The call for a national Shabbat observance arrives during a season when many Americans are expressing spiritual exhaustion, cultural frustration and growing uncertainty about the future.

As the nation approaches its 250th anniversary, Trump's proclamation is drawing attention to the spiritual foundations that have shaped America since its earliest days, prompting people to look again at the need for a deeper moral and spiritual awakening in our nation.

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