

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation



Whereas:

The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust and created the United State Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to those victims; AND

WHEREAS, The Museum has designated "**NEVER AGAIN: WHAT YOU DO MATTERS**" as the theme for the 2009 Days of Remembrance; AND

WHEREAS, The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945 where six million Jews were murdered; Gypsies, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; AND

WHEREAS, The Holocaust demonstrates that each of us has the choice to act or not to act; that there are consequences to our decisions; that we must remain vigilant against hatred, tyranny, and persecution; and offers us an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; AND

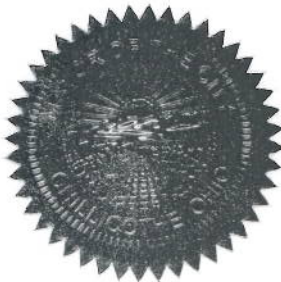
WHEREAS, Remembrance obligates us not only to memorialize those who were killed but also to reflect on what could have been done to save them and to remind us that we should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; AND

WHEREAS, Pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980) the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, 2009 including the Day of Remembrance known as *Yom Hashoah*, April 21.

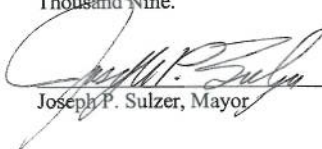
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph P. Sulzer, Mayor of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, 2009 as:

"DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE"

in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Chillicothe, should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, to be hereto affixed this 30th day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Nine.


Joseph P. Sulzer, Mayor