

City of Encinitas
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Jews were the primary victims – six million 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.

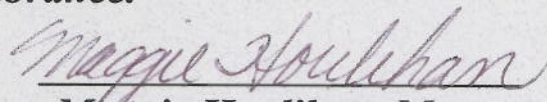
WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments and we the people of the City of Encinitas should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny, and actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Encinitas to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Maggie Houlihan, Mayor of the City of Encinitas, California, along with all City Council Members, do hereby proclaim the week of

***April 19 through 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 Encinitas should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.


**Maggie Houlihan, Mayor
Encinitas, California**