



PROCLAMATION

"Days of Remembrance"

April 19-26, 2009

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators from 1933 to 1945; and

WHEREAS, while Jews were the primary victims, with six million murdered, the Holocaust also targeted the handicapped, Poles, Gypsies, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents for destruction for racial, ethnic or national reasons; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments; and

WHEREAS, people throughout the world should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny, and should actively rededicate themselves 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 world to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council has designated April 19-26, 2009, as the "Days of Remembrance" of the victims of the Holocaust, with the theme of the observance being "Never Again: What You do Matters;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Don Bankhead, Mayor of the City of Fullerton, in behalf of the entire Fullerton City Council, do hereby proclaim April 19-26, 2009, as "Days of Remembrance" in the City of Fullerton, and urge all Fullerton citizens to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

Signed and sealed on the 27 day of March, 2009

Don Bankhead
Mayor

P. White
City Clerk

