PROCLAMATION

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

APRIL 19-26, 2009

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE YOM HASHOAH

APRIL 21, 2009

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; AND

WHEREAS

THE HISTORY OF THE HOLOCAUST OFFERS PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE MORAL RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS, SOCIETIES AND GOVERNMENTS: AND

WHEREAS:

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE OF EVERY GENERATION NEVER FORGET THE TERRIBLE EVENTS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND REMAIN VIGILANT AGAINST BIGOTRY AND TYRANNY, AND

WHEREAS

THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD IS THE HOME OF THE HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION AND EDUCATION CENTER, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SOUTH FLORIDA'S FIRST HOLOCAUST MUSEUM, AND

WHEREAS:

THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON, DC HAS DESIGNATED "NEVER AGAIN: WHAT YOU DO MATTERS" AS THE FOCUS FOR THE 2009 OBSERVANCE: AND

WHEREAS:

THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR PEOPLE TO REMEMBER THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND THE INHUMANITY OF THOSE WHO PERPERTRATED THE HOLOCAUST, AS WELL AS TO REFLECT UPON THEIR OWN HUMANITY AND THE NEED TO RESPECT ALL PROPER; AND

WHEREAS:

PURSUANT TO AN ACT OF 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, INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE KNOWN AS YOM HASHOAH APRIL 21, 2009. AND

THEREFORE:

PETER BOBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM:

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE APRIL 19-26, 2009 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE YOM HASHOAH APRIL 21, 2009

IN HOLLYWOOD, AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO STRIVE TO OVERCOME INTOLERANCE AND INDIFFERENCE THROUGH LEARNING AND REMEMBRANCE AND TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF JUSTICE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.



SIGNED THIS 1879 DAY OF MARCH 2009, AT HOLLYWOOD PLORIDA

MAYOR PETER BOBER
VICE MAYOR BEAM FURR
COMMISSIONER PATRICIA ASSEFF
COMMISSIONER HEIDI O'SHEEHAN
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