

Proclamation

City of Largo

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 an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

WHEREAS, we, the people of the City of Largo, should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, we the people of the City of Largo should 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 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 (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 international Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 21;

NOW, therefore, I, PATRICIA S. GERARD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19 through April 26, as


DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors and their rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that all citizens of Largo 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 Largo, Florida, to be affixed this 17th day of March 2009..




MAYOR

ATTEST: 
CITY CLERK