

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; 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 Ormond Beach, 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 Ormond Beach, 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 of the City of Ormond to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples, this year's theme being "Never Again: What You Do Matters"; and

WHEREAS, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council created by an act of Congress in 1980, was mandated to lead the nation in civic commemorations and to encourage appropriate Remembrance observances throughout the country. In Hebrew, The Day of Remembrance is called *Yom Hashoah*, April 21;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred Costello, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19 through April 26, 2009, as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in the City of Ormond Beach in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as rescuers and liberators, and urge all citizens to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 19th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nine.




FRED COSTELLO
Mayor