

Proclamation  
Days of Remembrance Week  
April 19-26, 2009

**WHEREAS**, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators from 1933 to 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 Village of Palatine should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and should remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

**WHEREAS**, we the people of the Village of Palatine 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 Village of Palatine 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 know as *Yom Hashoah*, April 21.

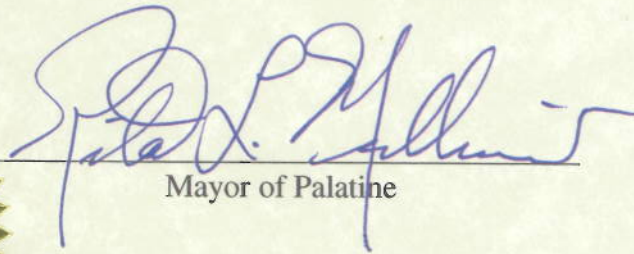
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RITA L. MULLINS**, Mayor of the Village of Palatine, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, 2009 as **DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE WEEK** in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the Village of Palatine, should strive to overcome intolerance through learning and remembrance.

DATED: April 6, 2009

ATTEST:

  
Margaret R. Bush  
Village Clerk



  
Rita L. Mullins  
Mayor of Palatine