



City Of Raleigh
North Carolina

CHARLES MEEKER
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2009 marks the sixty-fourth anniversary of the victorious United States Armed forces and the Allies over the German National Socialists regime, ending the war in Europe during world War II; and,

WHEREAS, this great military victory brought the liberation of the Nazi camps and the end of the Holocaust-the systematic murder of Europe's Jews, as well as Roma and Sinti (Gypsies) and the handicapped, and the persecution of Poles, Slavs, social, religious and political dissidents, Soviet prisoners of war, homosexuals and all others deemed "unworthy of life" by Nazi Germany and their collaborators; and,

WHEREAS, the war-hardened United States soldiers not only liberated the Nazi camps, but also extended their tender compassion and generosity to those few survivors of these camps; and,

WHEREAS, Americans recognize that each individual citizen is responsible for eternal vigilance against all tyranny and for speaking out against such tyranny; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress(Public Law 96-388, dated October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance for the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, 2009 including the Day of Remembrance known as *Yom Hashoah*, April 21,

NOW, THEREFORE, do I Charles Meeker, Mayor of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, 2009 as **DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE** in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens, will strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the City of Raleigh,
North Carolina, to be affixed this
30th Day of March, 2009

Charles Meeker
Mayor