



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 Santa Rosa should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Santa Rosa to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Susan Gorin, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, 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 we should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.



Mayor *Susan Gorin*

Date *March 16, 2009*