PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to those victims, 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 Shaker Heights 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 Shaker Heights should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles tolerance and respect for the dignity and rights of every human being; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shaker Heights designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, 2009, including the Day of Remembrance, Yom Hashoah, on April 21, "For Liberation to the Pursuit of Justice."

NOW, THEREFORE, City Council and I, Earl M. Leiken, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Shaker Heights, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 23 through Sunday, April 30, 2006 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 of the City of Shaker Heights, should strive to help all people overcome intolerance and hatred through learning and remembrance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Shaker Heights to be affixed this third day of April in the year two thousand nine.

Earl M. Leiken, Mayor