



***Days of Remembrance 2009***  
***"Never Again: What You Do Matters"***  
***April 19 – 26, 2009***

**WHEREAS,** *the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators during the years 1933 through 1945. Six million Jews were murdered, and millions more, including Gypsies, the handicapped, Poles, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents, 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 serves as an important reminder of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred and indifference reign; and*

**WHEREAS,** *a unanimous act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), established the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and mandated it to lead the nation in annual civic Days of Remembrance as the principal education and commemoration activities dedicated to the Holocaust; and*

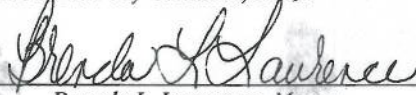
**WHEREAS,** *the theme for the 2009 Days of Remembrance observances is "Never Again: What You Do Matters" in remembrance of those who perished in the Holocaust and to serve as a reminder that there are dangers of racial hatred in the world today that must be addressed for the sake of present and future generations;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** *that I, Brenda L. Lawrence, Mayor of the City of Southfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 19 through April 26, 2009, as:*

***Days of Remembrance***  
***in the City of Southfield, Michigan***

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** *that in honor of the victims of the Holocaust, the survivors and their liberators, the citizens of Southfield should reflect upon the terrible events of the Holocaust and strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** *I have set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Southfield to be affixed hereto on this nineteenth day of March, 2009.*

  
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Brenda L. Lawrence, Mayor  
City of Southfield

