

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators from 1933 to 1945. Six million Jews were murdered. Romanies, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for destruction because of 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 Spokane 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 Spokane 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 City of Spokane 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 Saturday, April 25, 2009, including Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, the international Day of Remembrance known as *Yom HaShoah*:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary B. Verner, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 19 through Saturday, April 25, 2009, as

### DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in Spokane, 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 Spokane, should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

I, Mary B. Verner, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

*Mary B. Verner*

Mary B. Verner  
Mayor

