

City of Youngstown Proclamation Mayor Jay Williams



WHEREAS: DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE have been set aside for a time of reflection dedicated to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; 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, 2009 through Sunday, April 26, 2009 including the Day of Remembrance known as *Yom Hashoah*, April 21; and

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 we the people of the City of should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAY WILLIAMS, as Mayor of the City of Youngstown, Ohio do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 19, 2009 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 of the City of should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF

I have set my hand and caused to be
affixed the Great Seal of the City of Youngstown, Ohio,
this 21st day of April 2009.


MAYOR JAY WILLIAMS