

Office of the Mayor
City of Brooklyn, Ohio

Proclamation

TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 19 - 26 AS DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

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 the 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 Brooklyn, Ohio, 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 Brooklyn, 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 Brooklyn to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect for 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 Sunday, April 26, 2009, including the day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 21.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Mayor Kenneth E. Patton, and on behalf of the Brooklyn City Council and the citizens of the City of Brooklyn, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, 2009 as Days of Remembrance in memory of victims of the Holocaust.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and have caused the seal of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio be affixed on this 19th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two-Thousand and Nine.



MAYOR

