

# The City of Everett

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Nazi Germany's systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews and others between 1933 and 1945 is today referred to as the Holocaust; and

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 U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to those victims; and

WHEREAS, each year, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Days of Remembrance commemorates all the victims of the Holocaust, including the non-Jews targeted for destruction for racial, ethnic or national reasons; and

WHEREAS, this year's Days of Remembrance theme, "Never Again: What You Do Matters," focuses on individual responsibility – that each individual has the choice to act or not to act and that there are consequences to our decisions; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments to respect all people; and

WHEREAS, many who endured the legacy of this great tragedy now call Everett home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ray Stephanson, Mayor of Everett, hereby proclaim, the week of April 19, 2009, through April 26, 2009, as

### "DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE"

and urge all residents of the City of Everett to strive for acceptance through learning and remembrance.

Signed this 1st day of April 2009.

  
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Mayor Ray Stephanson

