



Office of The Mayor
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

Whereas,

The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, whereby six million Jews were murdered along with Gypsies, the handicapped, Poles, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents; and

Whereas,

The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments, and all people should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny, and all citizens should actively rededicate themselves 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 Harrisburg and throughout this nation to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

Whereas,

Appropriately and accordingly, pursuant to an Act of Congress, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council hereby designates each year a period of Days of Remembrance for all citizens to recognize and follow; now, therefore be it hereby designated and

Proclaimed

That the period of April 19 to 26, 2009, be declared

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

In and for the citizens of the City of Harrisburg, Capital of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with all citizens urged to recognize and remember the victims of the Holocaust and honor the survivors, rescuers, and liberators of the Holocaust, as we all strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.



*Set Under My Hand and Seal This
Thirteenth Day of March, Annum
Two-Thousand and Nine*



Mayor Stephen R. Reed