

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the City of Seattle draws strength from the rich diversity of cultures and traditions from its citizenry; 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; and*

*WHEREAS, 6 million Jews and millions of other victims, including Poles, Jehovah's Witnesses, Roma/Sinti, the disabled, gays and lesbians were targeted for destruction; and*

*WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers us an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important that we remember the victims of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and*


*WHEREAS, the City of Seattle will join others in honoring Holocaust victims, survivors, rescuers and liberators;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim April 19-26, 2009 to be*

## **HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK**

*in Seattle, and I urge all citizens to join me in this observance and continue to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.*



  
GREG NICKELS  
Mayor