

# City of Suffolk, Virginia



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and execution of certain citizens by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

**WHEREAS**, although Europeans of Jewish descent were the primary victims, Gypsies, the disabled, Poles, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents were among those also targeted for destruction; and

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

**WHEREAS**, we should remember the terrible events of the Holocaust in order to guard against hatred, persecution, and tyranny and promote the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Public Law 96-388 passed 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the United States to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Linda T. Johnson, Mayor of the City of Suffolk, Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 19, through April 26, 2009, as

### "DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE"

in Suffolk, Virginia and urge the residents of Suffolk to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Suffolk to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nine.



  
Linda T. Johnson  
Mayor