

The City of Temecula 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. Jews were the primary victims – six million were murdered. Millions more were targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; 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 Temecula, should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny. We should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside to remember the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all people; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an act of Congress, 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, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Maryann Edwards, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Temecula, hereby proclaim April 19 through April 26, 2009, as

“Days of Remembrance”

in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators of those victims and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Temecula, should 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 Temecula to be affixed this twenty-fourth day of April, 2009.


Maryann Edwards, Mayor


Susan W. Jones, MMC, City Clerk

