



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Jews were the primary victims – six million were murdered; Gypsies, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons. Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

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

WHEREAS, people everywhere should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, we should also actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

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


WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, 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, 2009.


NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and members of the Vista City Council in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, 2009 as:


"DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE IN THE CITY OF VISTA"

And further proclaim that all should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and affixed the seal this 2nd of April, 2009


Morris B. Vance
Mayor


Bob Campbell
Mayor Pro Tempore


Judy Ritter
Councilmember


Steve Gronke
Councilmember


Frank J. Lopez, Jr.
Councilmember

