

PROCLAMATION5
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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, 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 and millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents, 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, on Tuesday, April 17, in Market Square, the City of Alexandria will sponsor a civic ceremony for the fourteenth consecutive year commemorating the annual Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the citizens of Alexandria to join in observing the international Day of Remembrance, known as Yom Hashoah, by attending the civic ceremony in Market Square on April 17;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 15 through Sunday, April 22, 2001, as:

"DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE"

in Alexandria, in memory of the victims, the survivors, and their liberators; and do further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Alexandria, should strive to overcome prejudice, intolerance, and indifference through education, vigilance, and remembrance, and do hereby encourage the citizens of Alexandria to observe Yom Hashoah by attending the civic ceremony in Market Square at noon on April 17, 2001.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 27th day of March 2001.

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk