

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic prosecution 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 and Roma, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or natural reason, and millions of others, 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 and the courage of, and the precedents set by, those who testified during the trials of Nazi war criminals, offers an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of justice for the victims of acts of hatred and inhumanity, for their sake and that of present and future generations; 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 23, through Sunday, April 30, 2006, including the National Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 25; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria will sponsor a civic ceremony for the nineteenth consecutive year commemorating the Days of Remembrance, in memory of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors at noon on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, in Market Square; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the citizens of Alexandria to join in remembering the victims of the Holocaust and honoring its survivors by attending this ceremony;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 23 through Sunday, April 30, 2006, as:

"DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE"

in Alexandria, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers, liberators and those who testified at the trials of Nazi war criminals; do further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, should strive to overcome discrimination, intolerance and indifference through education, vigilance, and remembrance, and do hereby encourage the citizens of Alexandria to attend the civic ceremony in Market Square at noon on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed to this 11th day of April 2006.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk