

**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; 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**, we the people of the City of Alexandria, Virginia should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

**WHEREAS**, we the people of the City of Alexandria, Virginia should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; 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 15 through Sunday, April 22, including the National Day of Remembrance known as YOM HASHOAH, April 15; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria, Virginia will sponsor a civic ceremony for the twentieth consecutive year commemorating the Days of Remembrance in memory of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors at noon on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, in Market Square; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting for the citizens of Alexandria, Virginia 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 15 through Sunday, April 22, 2007 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, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Alexandria, should strive to overcome discrimination, intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance, and do hereby encourage the citizens of Alexandria to attend the civic ceremony in Market Square at noon on Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2007.

**WILLIAM D. EUILLE      MAYOR**

On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC    City Clerk