

**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, such as Kristalnacht, which occurred November 9-10, 1938, 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 27 through Sunday, May 4, including the Day of Remembrance known as YOM HASHOAH, Friday, May 2; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Virginia will sponsor a civic ceremony for the twenty-first consecutive year commemorating the Days of Remembrance in memory of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, at noon on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, in Market Square; and*

*WHEREAS, it is fitting for the citizens of Alexandria, Virginia to join in remembering Kristalnacht and 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 the week Sunday, April 27 through Sunday, May 4, 2008, as the 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 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 Tuesday, April 29, 2008.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2008.**

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC    City Clerk