

Proclamation



CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

Office of the Mayor

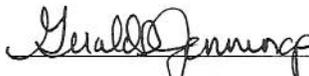
- WHEREAS: The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and
- WHEREAS: Jews were the primary victims – with over 6 million murdered – and Gypsies, the handicapped and the Poles were also targeted for racial, ethnic or national reasons; and
- WHEREAS: Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Soviet prisoners and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death; and
- WHEREAS: The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and
- WHEREAS: The people of the City of Albany should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and
- WHEREAS: The Days of Remembrance have been set aside to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and
- WHEREAS: The United States Holocaust Museum has designated “Justice and Accountability in the Face of Genocide: What Have We Learned?” as this year’s Days of Remembrance theme; and
- WHEREAS: Pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United State Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, May 1st through Sunday, May 8th, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerald D. Jennings, Mayor of the City of Albany, New York do hereby proclaim the week of May 1 – 8, 2011 to be

“DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE”

in the City of Albany, New York, and join with the residents of Albany to honor the victims of the Holocaust, as well as the survivors, rescuers and liberators, as we continue to work together to promote peace and human dignity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Albany, New York to be affixed this 1st day of May, 2011.


MAYOR

