



City of Biloxi

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 oppressions 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 Biloxi 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 Biloxi should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Biloxi to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all people; 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 will be Sunday, May 1 through Sunday, May 8, 2011, including the international Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, May 1, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, A.J. Holloway, Mayor of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of May 01-08, 2011 as:

“DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE WEEK”



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi this 11th day of March, 2011.

A.J. Holloway, Mayor
City of Biloxi, Mississippi