



Proclamation

Whereas, the Holocaust was the systematic annihilation of six million Jews and the persecution and decimation of countless others for racial, ethnic and national reasons between 1933 and 1945; 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 Fair Lawn should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

Whereas, we the people of Fair Lawn 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 Fair Lawn to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; 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, May 1 through Sunday, May 8, 2011 including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, May 1, 2011.

Now, therefore the Borough Council and I, Lisa Swain as Mayor of the Borough of Fair Lawn, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, May 1 through Sunday, May 8, 2011 as

"DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE"

within the Borough of Fair Lawn 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 Borough of Fair Lawn, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

Lisa Swain, Mayor

Dated: April 26, 2011