COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, and while Jews were the primary target — six million were murdered — other ethnic and religious groups also were victimized; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a 1980 Act of Congress, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council designates Days of Remembrance each year to recall and reflect on the horrible crimes committed during the Holocaust and to ensure that the memory and legacy of lives lost will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, we have a responsibility to those who perished as well as those who survived to educate future generations and rededicate ourselves to the history of the Holocaust and its impact on the world; and

WHEREAS, we pause to join the world in remembering the tragedies of the Holocaust, honor the lives of those affected — living and deceased — and call to mind their courage, forbearance and strength; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby proclaim May 1, 2011, as

Holocaust Remembrance Day

in Fairfax County to honor the victims of the Holocaust — those who survived and those who liberated them — and urges all residents to rededicate themselves always and to remain vigilant to the principles of individual freedom in a just society.

Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

March 29, 2011
Date

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