

City of Indianapolis



Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, resulting in the death of six million Jews; and

WHEREAS, additional minority groups, including gypsies and people with disabilities, were targeted for destruction for racial, ethnic, or national reasons, while millions more – homosexuals, prisoners of war, political dissidents, and other religious groups – 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, the City of Indianapolis remembers the terrible events of the Holocaust and remains vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the City of Indianapolis is dedicated to the principles of individual freedom in a just society and continues to work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs; and

WHEREAS, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, rescuers and liberators, the Days of Remembrance are observed this year from May 1 – 8;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY A. BALLARD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 1 – 8, 2011 AS:

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

In the City of Indianapolis, and I ask all citizens to join me in this observation.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS ON THIS 25TH DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.

Gregory A. Ballard

BY GREGORY A. BALLARD
MAYOR
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS