

## PROCLAMATION FOR CITY OF INDIANOLA

*Whereas*, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945—six million were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, 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*, we the people of the City of Indianola 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 Indianola 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 Indianola 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;

*Whereas*, *Steve Rosenthal*, Mayor of Indianola, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, May 1 through Sunday, May 8, 2011, as Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as to honor in particular our citizen Mr. Melvin Lipnick as a rescuer and Liberator of the concentration camp at Dachau in May of 1945, and we further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Indianola, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

City of Indianola

By   
Steve Rosenthal, Mayor