

City of Laguna Niguel



Proclamation

**PROCLAIMING
DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE
OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST
May 1st through May 8th, 2011**

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 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 Days of Remembrance have been set aside in Laguna Niguel as a time to remember the inhumanity of those who perpetrated the Holocaust as well as to reflect upon our own humanity and 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 1st through Sunday, May 8th, 2011, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, May 1st.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Gary Capata, on behalf of the Laguna Niguel City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, May 1st through Sunday, May 8th, 2011 as Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, their rescuers and liberators, further proclaim that we, the citizens of the City of Laguna Niguel, are encouraged to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

Gary Capata

Office of the Mayor