

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, between the years 1933 and 1945, six million Jews were murdered in the Nazi Holocaust as part of a systematic program of genocide, with many others being murdered for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect and ponder on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

WHEREAS, many North Carolinians remember the events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny, and actively rededicate themselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, The Days of Remembrance have been set aside to remember the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to reflect on the need for respect for all people; 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 in memory of the victims of the Holocaust to be May 1 through May 8, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James K. Festerman, Mayor of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1- May 8, 2011 as

Holocaust Days of Remembrance

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 the citizens of the City of Reidsville, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

This the 1st day of May, 2011.

James K. Festerman
Mayor