



CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
CALIFORNIA

Mayor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS THE HOLOCAUST WAS THE STATE-SPONSORED SYSTEMATIC PERSECUTION AND ANNIHILATION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY, WITH SIX MILLION JEWS MURDERED, BY NAZI GERMANY AND ITS COLLABORATORS BETWEEN 1933 AND 1945; and
- WHEREAS GYPSIES, THE HANDICAPPED, 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 THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER THE TERRIBLE EVENTS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND REMAIN VIGILANT AGAINST HATRED, PERSECUTION, AND TYRANNY; and
- WHEREAS THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ SHOULD ACTIVELY REDEDICATE THEMSELVES 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 SANTA CRUZ 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:
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, RYAN COONERTY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SUNDAY, MAY 1 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2011 AS "DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE" IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST, AND IN HONOR OF THE SURVIVORS, AS WELL AS THE RESCUERS AND LIBERATORS, AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO STRIVE TO OVERCOME INTOLERANCE AND INDIFFERENCE THROUGH LEARNING AND REMEMBRANCE.



RYAN COONERTY, MAYOR