

City of Santa Monica



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the United States Congress established the *Days of Remembrance* as our nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust; and
- WHEREAS, *Days of Remembrance* are observed by state and local governments, military bases, workplaces, schools, churches, synagogues, and civic centers; and
- WHEREAS, from 1933 to 1945, six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust of World War II by the Nazis because of their racial, national, social, religious, or ethnic backgrounds or sexual orientation; and
- WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments; and
- WHEREAS, it is vital that we keep alive the memory of these despicable injustices so that we may never again have to witness methodical atrocities such as those committed during those 12 dark years in Europe; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica joins with the United States Congress in observing the annual *Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust*, and pledges to never forget the events of the Holocaust and to honor the memory of its victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD BLOOM, MAYOR of the City of Santa Monica, on behalf of the Members of the City Council, proclaim May 1 – 8, 2011

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK

in Santa Monica.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Bloom'.

Richard Bloom
Mayor