Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 to 1945. Jews were the primary victims - six million were murdered; also Gypsies and the handicapped were 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**, we the people of the Village of Skokie should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and should remain vigilant against bigotry and tyranny; and*

***WHEREAS**, we the people of the Village of Skokie should continually rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality and justice for all; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the Village of Skokie to remember the victims of 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 the week of Sunday, April -- through Sunday, April --, 2011, including the international Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April --, 2011.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE VAN DUSEN**, Mayor of the Village of Skokie, hereby proclaim Sunday, April 1 through April 8, 2011, as the*

"DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE HOLOCAUST"

and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the Village of Skokie, should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

Dated this 21st day of March 2011

George Van Dusen
Mayor

Marlene Williams, Village Clerk

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