

PROCLAMATION
For the Days of Remembrance
May 1 – May 8, 2011

Justice and Accountability in the Face of Genocide: What Have We Learned?

Whereas, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945 – six million were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, 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 Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the Township of Springfield 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;

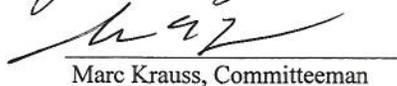
Whereas, Hugh Keffer, Mayor of the Township of Springfield, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, May 1 through Sunday, May 8, 2011, as Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the Township of Springfield, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.


Hugh A. Keffer, Mayor


David Amlen, Deputy Mayor


Jerry Fernandez, Committeeman


Richard Huber, Committeeman


Marc Krauss, Committeeman

