



**WHEREAS,**

the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Six million Jews were murdered, as well as millions of others, including Gypsies, the handicapped, Poles, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Soviet prisoners of war. Political dissidents also suffered grievous oppression and death; 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 Sunnyvale should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

**WHEREAS,**

we the people of Sunnyvale should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; 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 May 1 through May 8, 2011, including the international Day of Remembrance, known as *Yom Hashoah*, May 1, 2011,

**THEREFORE,**

I, Melinda Hamilton, Mayor, on behalf of the Sunnyvale City Council, do hereby proclaim May 1 through May 8, 2011, as

## **NATIONAL DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE**

**PROCLAIMED THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH, 2011.**

Melinda Hamilton  
Mayor