



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TOWN OF WALLINGFORD
CONNECTICUT

WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators from 1933 to 1945. Jews were the primary victims--six million were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities and Poles were also 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 Town of Wallingford should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and should remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny, and
- WHEREAS,** we the people of the Town of Wallingford should actively rededicate ourselves 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 Town of Wallingford 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, William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Wallingford, 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 Town of Wallingford, work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

William W. Dickinson, Jr.
Mayor

DATED THIS 24th DAY OF March, 2011
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

