CITY OF BOTHELL
PROCLAMATION

Days of Remembrance
April 15-22, 2012

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945 where Jews were the primary victims – six million were murdered; and

WHEREAS, Gypsies, the handicapped, 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, we, the people of the City of Bothell, should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, we, the people of the City of Bothell, 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 City of Bothell 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, April 15 through Sunday, April 22, 2012 including the Day of Remembrance known as ***Yom Hashoah***, April 19, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Lamb, Mayor of the City of Bothell, do proclaim the week of Sunday, April 15 through Sunday, April 22, 2012, 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 City of Bothell, should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal this 3rd day of April, 2012.

Mark Lamb
Mayor

JoAnne Trudel
City Clerk

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