

# The City of East Peoria



## Proclamation

**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**, we the people of the City of East Peoria should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

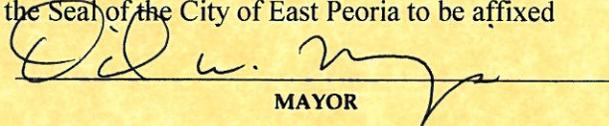
**WHEREAS**, we the people of the City of East Peoria should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

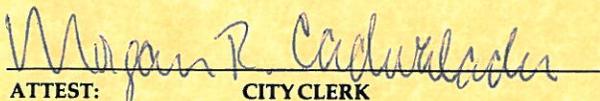
**WHEREAS**, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of East Peoria to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

**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, DAVID W. MINGUS, MAYOR** of the City of East Peoria, Illinois, do hereby 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 East Peoria, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the City of East Peoria, Illinois, on this day of two thousand twelve, and to which I have caused the Seal of the City of East Peoria to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

  
MAYOR

  
ATTEST: CITY CLERK