



City of Hayward

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 Hayward, and the world should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and 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 people to remember the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all people; and

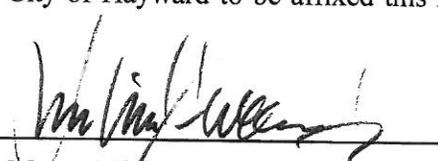
WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 15, 2012, through Sunday, April 22, 2012, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 19, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Sweeney, Mayor of the City of Hayward, do hereby proclaim the week of April 15, 2012, as:

HOLOCAUST 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 Hayward, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Hayward to be affixed this 2nd day of April, 2012.



Mayor Michael Sweeney

