Proclamation

WHEREAS, *the Holocaust was the state-sponsored systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators; and,*

WHEREAS, *between 1933 and 1945, six million Jewish men, women and children were murdered, along with Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons, with millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents suffering 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, *the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for our country to remember the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to reflect on the heroism displayed by those who chose to protect innocents from Nazi tyranny; and,*

WHEREAS, *we the people of the City of Henderson should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny within our City and throughout the world; and,*

WHEREAS, *the City of Henderson has a goal to deliver programs and services that foster a safe community for people of all races, ethnicities, religions, and sexual orientations; and,*

WHEREAS, *pursuant to Public Law 96-388 enacted October 7, 1980 by the United States Congress, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be April 15 through 22, 2012, including the April 19 Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Andy Hafen, as Mayor of the City of Henderson, Nevada do hereby proclaim the days of April 15 through April 22, 2012 as*

NATIONAL DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in the City of Henderson and encourage all residents to remember the victims of the Holocaust; its survivors, rescuers and liberators; as well as work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it may occur.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Henderson, Nevada, to be affixed this 15th day of April, 2012.*

ANDY HAFEN
Mayor, City of Henderson

ATTEST:

SABRINA MERCADANTE, CMC
City Clerk