



CITY OF ROCHESTER

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS: *The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of six million European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Gypsies, Poles, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, homosexuals, political dissidents and people with disabilities were also targeted for racial, ethnic or national reasons and 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 Rochester, should always remember the horrifying events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny. We are obligated to actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; 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, through Sunday, April 22, 2012. This includes the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah on April 19, 2012; and*

WHEREAS: *The Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the city of Rochester to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to reflect on the need for respect among all peoples. The theme of this year's national Holocaust Remembrance Week is, "Choosing to Act: Stories of Rescue."*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas S. Richards, Mayor of the City of Rochester, New York, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 15, through Sunday, April 22, 2012 to be:

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 15th day of April in the year 2012.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas S. Richards', written over a faint background of the City of Rochester seal.

Thomas S. Richards
Mayor, Rochester, New York