City of Warwick
Mayoral 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. Jews were the primary victims-six million were murdered; Gypsies, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons. 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 Warwick 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 Warwick 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 Warwick 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, I, SCOTT AVEDISIAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WARWICK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

April 15-22, 2012
as
Days of Remembrance Week

In the City of Warwick, and ask our residents to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

In recognition whereof I have hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Warwick to be hereunto affixed this 15th day of April 2012.

Scott Avedisian
Mayor