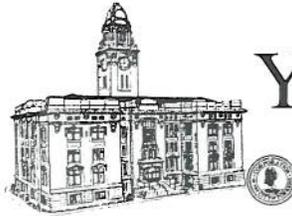


Office of the Mayor

CITY OF



YONKERS

Proclamation



WHEREAS:

As Mayor of the City of Yonkers, I join with our many residents in solemnly commemorating the **HOLOCAUST**, the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators, which took place between 1933 and 1945, during which time over six million Jews were senselessly murdered, and millions more were also targeted for destruction and decimation for racial, ethnic, national or religious reasons, and

WHEREAS:

The history of the Holocaust represents an opportunity to reflect on the morality and tenets of individuals, communities, governments and societies at large and the residents of Yonkers will always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust, using such a dark period in history to remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, oppression and tyranny today, based on the lessons of the past, and

WHEREAS:

The people of Yonkers should actively rededicate themselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society, and the **DAYS of REMEMBRANCE** have been set aside for the residents of the City of Yonkers to remember the inhumanity of those who perpetrated the Holocaust, as well as to reflect upon our own humanity and the need for respect toward all people, and

WHEREAS:

In October 1980, by an Act of Congress, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council was established and this year, has designated Sunday, April 15th through Sunday, April 22nd 2012 as **DAYS of REMEMBRANCE**, including the *Day of Remembrance*, known internationally as *Yom Hashoah* on April 19th, and

WHEREAS:

The theme for this year's commemoration is '*Choosing to Act: Stories of Rescue*' and reminds us all of the Holocaust's greatest lessons--our individual choice to act or not to act, and the consequences of our decisions, and

WHEREAS:

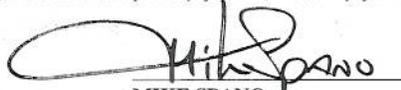
The City of Yonkers raises its voice in tribute with the Jewish Council of Yonkers, the Yonkers Public School, the Mayor's Committee on Jewish Affairs and the Holocaust and Human Rights Center in sponsoring annual programs in observance of the **DAYS of REMEMBRANCE**.

NOW, THEREFORE I, MIKE SPANO, Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York do hereby designate Sunday, April 15th through Sunday, April 22nd, 2012 to be:

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in the City of Yonkers, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the lives of the survivors, the efforts of the rescuers and liberators and further proclaim that we, as residents of Yonkers, should strive to overcome prejudice and inhumanity through education, vigilance and resistance and intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Yonkers, this 26th day of March 2012.


MIKE SPANO
MAYOR

