

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of over six million Jews, Gypsies, the handicapped and those of Polish descent 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, the citizens of Tampa should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and should remain vigilant against bigotry and tyranny, continually rededicating ourselves to the principles of equality and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of our city to remember the inhumanity of those who perpetrated the Holocaust as well as to reflect upon our own humanity and the need for respect for all people; 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, May 1 through Sunday, May 8, 2011, including the International Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, May 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has designated the 2011 theme to be "Justice and Accountability in the Face of Genocide: What Have We Learned?" In support of this theme, the Museum is marking the 65th anniversary of the verdicts at the first Nuremberg trial, a watershed moment in international justice, and the 50th anniversary of the trial of Adolf Eichmann, one of the most high-profile postwar recountings of the Nazi genocide and a landmark in public awareness of the Holocaust.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 1 through Sunday, May 8, 2011 as

"DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE"

in the City of Tampa, Florida 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 the City of Tampa should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 25th day of April, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

