

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, Florida should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and 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, April 15 through Sunday, April 22, 2012, including the International Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 19, 2012; and

WHEREAS, witnesses to the persecution and murder of Europe's Jews had the choice of whether to intervene or not, weighing the risks of severe punishment, and, while first honoring the memory of the countless victims, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has designated the 2012 theme to be "**Choosing to Act: Stories of Rescue**" in recognition of the remarkable stories of each person who was rescued and survived, and those that countered indifference and apathy with action.

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, April 15 through Sunday, April 22, 2012 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 6th day of April, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor