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# PROCLAMATION

## *Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust*

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day is a day that has been set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding Americans of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred and indifference reign; and

WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims – six million were murdered. Millions more were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic or national reasons, suffering grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny, including Gypsies, the handicapped, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Poles, Soviet prisoners of war and other political dissidents; and

WHEREAS, reflecting on the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance, observed from Sunday, April 19, 2009, through Sunday, April 26, 2009, including the Day of Remembrance, known as *Yom Hashoah*, on April 21, 2009, have been set aside to remember the victims of the Holocaust, to honor the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands declares the week of April 19-26, 2009, as *Days of Remembrance* and urges its residents to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples and to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 7th day of April, 2009.

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Jon Harrison, Mayor

*Attest:*

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Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk