

RESOLUTION

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST WEEK – “LEGACIES OF JUSTICE”

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.

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

Whereas, we, the School District of Palm Beach County, should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny, and

Whereas, we, the School District of Palm Beach County, 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 our School District 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 23 through Sunday, April 30, including the international Day of Remembrance known as *Yom Hashoah*, April 25;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the week of Sunday, April 23 through Sunday, April 30, 2006, is Days of Remembrance 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 these United States, should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

Done this 19th day of April, two thousand six, in West Palm Beach, Florida

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