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Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 23, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Susan Wengraf (Author)
Subject: Proclamation in Honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Holocaust Remembrance Day Proclamation for the 18th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program to be held virtually Thursday, April 8th from 2:00 – 3:00 PM.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Councilmembers already generously donated funds from their discretionary budgets. No fiscal impacts.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley has sponsored the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program since 2002 to honor Holocaust survivors and their families. It reminds all of us of the terrible consequences when hate goes unchecked. The program nourishes, strengthens and renews our belief in the strength of the human spirit. All community members are welcome to attend.

This year's program honors Survivor Edith Heine who will speak about her experiences during her early childhood in Europe. Sasha Clancy McQueen, grandchild of a Holocaust Survivor will also speak. The program will include a candle lighting and music performed by Michael Perlmutter, Cantor Sharon Bernstein, Josh Horowitz and Cookie Segelstein.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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Attachments:
1: Proclamation

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Whereas, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of more than six million European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, and

Whereas, Roma Gypsies, people with mental illness and physical disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and 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 City of Berkeley is committed to never forgetting the terrible events of the Holocaust and are committed to remaining vigilant against hatred, persecution, prejudice and tyranny; and to dedicating ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

Whereas, We remember this is the 78th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising when the human spirit resisted and fought back, against great odds, and by memorializing the past we help to steel ourselves for the challenges of tomorrow; and

Whereas, the Holocaust Remembrance Day has been set aside for the people of the City of Berkeley to join together as a community to remember the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples.

Now Therefore, I, Jesse Arreguín, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 8, 2021 as Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Berkeley, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators.

Now Therefore I Further Proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Berkeley, will work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.