

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Paula M. DeLaney

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the annals of history are replete with examples of persecution and destruction of those considered by their persecutors as undesirable; and

WHEREAS, these persecutions were only a prelude to one of the greatest horrors ever known to man, the death of six million human beings slaughtered simply because they were Jewish and the death of five million other human beings because they were gypsies, disabled, of non-Aryan blood or considered undesirable or different by their slaughterers; and

WHEREAS, these atrocities were perpetrated by Nazi Germany from its accession of power in 1933 to its defeat in 1945, resulting in what has become known as the Holocaust, twelve truly tragic years which also left the world with over one and one-half million children less than it would have been blessed with had this travesty upon humanity not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the spirits of these victims cry out to us to this day that these criminal acts should never be forgotten, but that they should be remembered for all times for the evil that they were; and

WHEREAS, the 27th day of Nissan of the Hebrew calendar has been denoted as Yom Hashoah, the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust, to be solemnly observed each year as a reminder that bigotry, discrimination and racism are blights upon humanity which can be eliminated only by a greater understanding of each other among the peoples of the earth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paula M. DeLaney, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2000 as

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

in the City of Gainesville and call upon all our citizens to reflect on this day not only the lamentable loss of so many thousands of souls, but also that only through acceptance and tolerance of our fellow human beings will the world never again know such acts of inhumanity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this seventeenth day of April, A.D., 2000.


Paula M. DeLaney
Mayor

