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CONSENT CALENDAR

March 23, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmembers Kriss Worthington, Jesse Arreguin and Susan Wengraf

Subject: Proclamation of the 8th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day event

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Holocaust Remembrance Day proclamation for the 8th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day event.

BACKGROUND:

On April 11, 2010 at 11:30 a.m., at the Freight and Salvage Coffee House, the City of Berkeley will be honoring East Bay Survivors and remembering all who perished in the Shoah. Guest participants include Stuart Brotman, Cantor Sharon Bernstein, Susan Greenwald, celebrated author Professor Robert Alter, and others.

The eighth annual Holocaust Remembrance Day international theme is "Stories of Freedom: What You Do Matters." The musicians and speakers will utilize the international theme in their presentations. We invite the community to share song, renowned music, verse, and personal stories in commemorating this day.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE.

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Attachments:

1. Proclamation

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEREAS, We remember with sadness the millions of victims of the "final solution." We remember with admiration the resistors, known and unknown, who risked and lost their lives to save others. We remember with respect the survivors, who escaped or who were freed, and to this very day, live to contribute so much to our world and our city. We remember today to firmly commit ourselves to say NEVER AGAIN; and

WHEREAS, We remember today the eleven million people killed by Nazi genocidal policy. It was the explicit aim of Hitler's regime to create a European world dominated and populated by the "Aryan" race; and

WHEREAS, We remember that those believed by Hitler and the Nazis to be enemies of the state, were banished to squalid concentration and death camps. Inside the camps prisoners were forced to wear various colored triangles, each color denoting a different group; and

WHEREAS, We remember the millions who died for who they were, how they worshiped, what they believed, and who they loved. Victims included Jews, Romanies, Poles and other Slavs, people with physical disabilities, Jehovah's Witnesses, lesbians and gays, the dissenting clergy, Communists, Socialists, and other political enemies; and

WHEREAS, We remember the African German children, offspring of German mothers and African soldiers, who were forcibly sterilized due to their mixed race heritage; and

WHEREAS, We remember the Holocaust was the state sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews by Nazi Germany. The Jewish people were marked for total destruction and over six million Jews were murdered; and

WHEREAS, We remember, to preserve this shared history of anguish, to keep it vivid and real, so that racism, Anti-Semitism, hatred, persecution and prejudice can be combated and contained; and

WHEREAS, We remember this is the 66th Anniversary of the Warsaw uprising, where the human spirit resisted against great odds. We remember and by memorializing the past we thereby steel ourselves for the challenges of tomorrow.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that we the people of Berkeley will always remember the suffering victims, always remember the courage of the resistors, and always treasure the survivors who are still with us in Berkeley. We join in the worldwide chorus of hope and activism to say never again and to proclaim

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