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Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR  
April 2, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmembers Susan Wengraf, Rigel Robinson, Sophie Hahn, and Mayor Jesse Arreguin  
Subject: Proclamation in Honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Holocaust Remembrance Day Proclamation for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

BACKGROUND

On April 28, 2019 at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, the City of Berkeley sponsored Holocaust Remembrance Day event will be honoring Ralph Samuel, holocaust survivor. This year, one of the many speakers will include UC Professor Emeritus Russ Ellis. The program will also feature candle lighting, music and refreshments.

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 European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, and

Whereas six million Jews were murdered and also 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 history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

Whereas, We the people of the City of Berkeley should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, prejudice and tyranny; and

Whereas, We the people of the City of Berkeley should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

Whereas, We remember this is the 76<sup>th</sup> 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 Arreguin, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 28, 2019 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.

Mayor Arreguin

Councilmember Wengraf

Councilmember Droste

Councilmember Hahn

Councilmember Bartlett

Councilmember Davila

Councilmember Harrison

Councilmember Kesarwani

Councilmember Robinson