



2018 YOM HaSHOAH HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state sponsored systematic, persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, we remember with sadness the 11 million people, including six million Jews, who were victims of Hitler's 'final solution' along with those who were persecuted for their religious and political beliefs, sexual orientation, and physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, we remember with admiration the resisters and rescuers known and unknown who risked and lost their lives to save others; and

WHEREAS, we remember with respect the Survivors who escaped, were sheltered, or who were freed and who lived to contribute so much to our community and to our world; and

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

WHEREAS, we have an obligation to ensure that the memory and legacy of lives lost or forever changed in this horrific event are never forgotten.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby declare April 12, 2018 as Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day in our community.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we pledge today to firmly commit ourselves to NEVER AGAIN and to work to promote human dignity by confronting intolerance and hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Bill Woolsey of the Town of James Island, pursuant to an act of Congress (Public Law 96-388 October 7 1980) and United States Holocaust Memorial Council do hereby proclaim the week of April 8th through April 14th, 2018 as DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, RESCUERS AND LIBERATORS OF THE HOLOCAUST and further proclaim that we as citizens of James Island, South Carolina should promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

I encourage you to join the community in remembering the victims during the community-wide Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Program on Sunday, April 15 at the Charleston Gaillard Center. Charleston's annual commemoration of the Holocaust, co-sponsored by Charleston Jewish Federation and the City of Charleston, includes the reading of the names of people who perished with family connections to Charleston, a first-hand account from a Holocaust survivor, a silent march to the Holocaust memorial in Marion Square, and a tribute to our local living survivors.

This the 15 March, 2018

Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances W. Simmons". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk