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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
MEMORANDUM**

To: Marilynne Beard, Interim City Manager

From: Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

Date: March 25, 2010

Subject: "Days of Remembrance" Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mayor Joan McBride proclaim the week of April 11 through April 18, 2010 as Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has requested that the City of Kirkland proclaim the week of April 11 - 28, 2010 as the *Days of Remembrance for the Victims of the Holocaust*. The museum has designated "Stories of Freedom: What You Do Matters" as the theme for the 2010 Days of Remembrance in commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps.

For more information about the Days of Remembrance, visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum website at www.ushmm.org.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating Sunday, April 11 through Sunday April 18, 2010 as "Days of Remembrance"

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945 where Jews were the primary victims with six million were murdered; and

WHEREAS, Gypsies, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation 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, in 1980, the United States Congress established the *Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust* as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to the victims; and

WHEREAS, the United States Holocaust memorial Council designates the *Days of Remembrance* as Sunday, April 11 through Sunday, April 18, 2010, including the international Day of Remembrance known as *Yom Hashoah*, April 11; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps, the Museum has designated *Stories of Freedom: What You Do Matters* as the theme for the 2010 observance; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance has been set aside to remember the victims of the holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all people; and

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

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Kirkland should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

NOW THEREFORE, Therefore, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, Washington, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 11 through Sunday, April 18, 2010 as *Days of Remembrance* in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Kirkland, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and where ever it occurs.

Signed this 6th day of April 2010

Joan McBride, Mayor