

# 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. Jews were the primary victims – six million were murdered; Gypsies, the handicapped and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic or national reasons. 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 Medford should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

**WHEREAS**, we the people of the City of Medford should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Medford to remember the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and


**WHEREAS**, the US Congress established Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of Medford, do hereby proclaim the week of April 16-23, 2023 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 Medford, should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
hereunto set my hand this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

  
Randy Sparacino  
Mayor

