Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE
May 15, 2016 – May 22, 2016

"The SS St Louis - the ship of Jewish Refugees no one wanted"

WHEREAS, 71 years ago, the Holocaust, the state sponsored systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators, finally came to an end. In its wake, six million Jews, including one and a half million children, were murdered. Gypsies, Poles, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, political dissidents, the physically handicapped and the Righteous Christians who tried to stop these murders, were also marked for elimination; and

WHEREAS, we honor all the victims of the Holocaust; both those who perished and those who survived. And we remember the terrible plight of the Jews who tried in vain to escape the Holocaust by ocean liner, looking for a port for safe passage into the Americas. They were denied passage into the United States, denied passage into Canada and denied passage into Cuba. And the ship's captain was forced to turn around and return to Europe, where one fourth of his passengers were murdered in death camps; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust requires that we, the people of Monroe Township, reflect on the moral responsibilities of both individuals and society; and

WHEREAS, we the people of Monroe Township must always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, we the people of Monroe Township will actively dedicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980) the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, May 15, 2016 through Sunday, May 22, 2016;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gerald Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim the week of **Sunday, May 15, 2016 through Sunday, May 22, 2016** as **Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims and in honor of the survivors** who help us remember the history of the Holocaust so that this nightmare will never be repeated, and further proclaim that as citizens of the Township of Monroe, we will strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through education and remembrance.

Dated: May 2, 2016

Gerald Tamburro, MAYOR