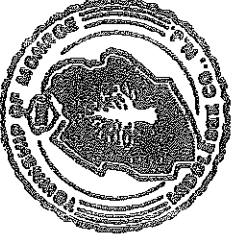


Office of the Mayor



DECLARATION

HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

May 7, 2017 - May 14, 2017

"Where Jews Found Refuge"

WHEREAS,

72 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 recall the desperate efforts of the Jewish people, attempting to escape the nightmare of the Holocaust, searching the globe for a place of safety. Many found refuge in faraway locations like Shanghai, China; the Dominican Republic; the United States; the Philippines and Palestine (later to become Israel). Others survived in places closer to home in Great Britain; Portugal; Limburg, Holland; 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 7, 2017 through Sunday, May 14, 2017;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, May 7, 2017 through Sunday, May 14, 2017 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 1, 2017

Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor