



Office of the Mayor



# Proclamation

## HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

April 22, 2018 – April 29, 2018

“We Are All Jews”

**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, especially those living here in Monroe Township. **And this year we remember, no we honor, Sergeant Roddie Edmonds, the first American serviceman from World War II ever to be recognized as Righteous Among the Nations for his rescuing Jewish servicemen at a POW Camp in Germany; 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, April 22, 2018 through Sunday, April 29, 2018;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Gerald Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 22, 2018 through Sunday, April 29, 2018 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: April 9, 2018

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, MAYOR