

WHEREAS, between the years of 1933 and 1945, six million Jewish people were killed during the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau when Jewish people and other persecuted populations were freed from the Nazi concentration camp after having suffered mass murders, forced labor, horrific conditions, and grave harm; and

WHEREAS, the memory of the Holocaust serves as a reminder of the importance of kindness, respect, and understanding among all people; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to remember the stories of those who were affected by the Holocaust, honor the resilience of the survivors, and reflect on the lessons learned from this dark chapter of history; and

WHEREAS, Yom HaShoah, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, is a day to honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **I, Jan C. Harnik, Mayor of the City of Palm Desert**, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize April 23-24, 2025, as

Holocaust Remembrance Day

in the City of Palm Desert and reaffirm our dedication to combating hatred, and commit to fostering a world of compassion, understanding, and peace.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Palm Desert, California to be affixed this 24th day of April 2025.