Proclamation

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WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945 during which six million were murdered, including 1.5 million children; and

WHEREAS, Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and 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 Rockville 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 Rockville should actively rededicate 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 27, through Sunday, May 4, 2014, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom HaShoah, April 28, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville do hereby proclaim April 28, 2014 as Yom HaShoah as Day of Remembrance and urge all citizens to remember the victims of the Holocaust and also reflect on the need for respect of all peoples.

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April 7, 2014