

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day is when we remember the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored, persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews during World War II by the Nazi regime and its collaborators, who targeted Jews and other groups because of their perceived “racial inferiority”; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day is a way to guard against the repetition of those acts, and to fight against ignorance of these events and against disbelief with proof; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day was proclaimed by the Israeli Knesset as *Yom Hashoah U’Mered HaGetaot* on April 12, 1951 to be the 27th of Nissan in the Hebrew calendar that falls within the time span of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in 1943; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day became a national public holiday in Israel where all public entertainment venues are closed and at ten in the morning, a siren is sounded where everyone stops what they are doing and stands in remembrance; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day has been observed with the lighting of candles, speakers, poems, prayers, and singing, and often a six-candle menorah is lit to represent the six million; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day will be observed on May 3, 2005 in the County of Santa Clara, with a remembrance commemoration at the County Building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby proclaim **May 3, 2005** in Santa Clara County as

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Third Day of May, Two Thousand Five by unanimous vote.