

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, the United States Congress established Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust. The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. The remembrance of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments ; and*

*WHEREAS, although Jews were the primary victims – six million were murdered – Gypsies, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons. 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; we the people of the City of Grand Junction 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 Grand Junction should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and*

*WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Grand Junction to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council has designated the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 11 through Sunday, April 18, 2010 including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 11.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 11 through April 18, 2010 as*

*"DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE"*

*in the City of Grand Junction in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Grand Junction, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5th day of April, 2010.*

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*Mayor*