

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Holocaust resulted in the deliberate murder of millions of people prior to and during World War II including one third of the Jewish people, along with countless members of other minorities such as Roma and Sinti citizens, ethnic Poles, people with disabilities, homosexuals, and political and religious opponents; and

WHEREAS, reaffirming the United Nation's *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which proclaims that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind, such as race, religion or other status, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27th as an annual **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and it is a day of global observance. The significance of the date commemorates the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp where more than one million people died by Soviet troops more than seventy years ago on January 27, 1945; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Outreach Program, along with the history of the Holocaust, seeks to remind the world of the lessons to be learned in order to help prevent future acts of genocide and offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments, and it has partnered with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to make a film resource and educational package available to educators around the world in all United Nations official languages; and

WHEREAS, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, the 2020 theme for International Holocaust Remembrance Day is **Stand Together**, a reminder how genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalizing certain groups, and how these tactics can be challenged by individuals standing together with their neighbors, and speaking out against oppression, and it calls to mind the words of Sir Nicholas Winton, who rescued 669 children from Nazi-occupied Europe, "Don't be content in your life just to do no wrong, be prepared every day to try and do some good."

WHEREAS, in observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the International Diplomatic Corps of Florida Consular Corps of Tampa Bay will host its 8th annual public program at the Pinellas Technical College in St. Petersburg, Florida on Sunday, January 19, 2020, and the event will include several special guest speakers, a candle-lighting ceremony, reflections and presentations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2020 as

"INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida 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 Tampa should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance, and stand together.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 13th day of December, 2019.



Jane Castor

Mayor