

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD

ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



FRANK MCGEHEE
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1944 during which six million Jewish people were murdered; and

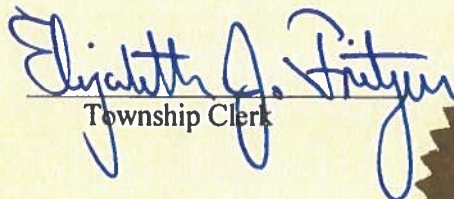
WHEREAS, the Nazi regime persecuted and killed another six million people it considered politically, racially, or socially unfit including Polish citizens, Soviet prisoners of war, gays and lesbians, Gypsies, mentally and physically disabled Germans, trade unionists, political dissidents and Jehovah's Witnesses; and

WHEREAS, all of us share the responsibility to protect the lessons and legacy of Holocaust history and defend its truth, and to teach and warn succeeding generations about the atrocities of the Holocaust; and

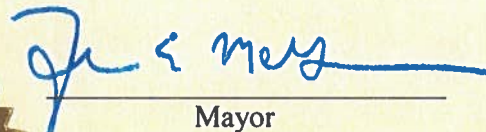
WHEREAS, ethnic, racial and religious intolerance and hate are ever present and growing threats to world peace, harmony and understanding among people, and we encourage all to stand up and speak out against hatred and intolerance of all kinds; and

WHEREAS, for over 40 years, the clergy, civic organizations, and people of all faiths and backgrounds in South Orange and Maplewood have collaborated with spiritual, civic, and social strengths to produce the annual Remember & Tell SOMA Interfaith Holocaust Service, which this year will take place virtually on Sunday, April 18, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Frank McGehee, Mayor, on behalf of the Maplewood Township Committee, do hereby proclaim the week of April 18, 2021 as the Days of Remembrance, and urge all of our residents to participate in the SOMA Interfaith Holocaust Service, and promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.


Township Clerk




Mayor