



~ PROCLAMATION ~

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE-WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021 ANNUAL INTERFAITH HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry and decimation of countless others for racial, ethnic and national reasons by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Congress established the Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to the victims; 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, the Annual Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Service co-sponsored by the South Orange/Maplewood Annual Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Committee and the South Orange/Maplewood Interfaith Clergy Association has become a steadfast and honored tradition in our community, reminding the people of South Orange Village to remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny and to always rededicate themselves to the principles of individual freedom and respect for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHEENA C. COLLUM, Village President of the Township of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, on behalf of the residents of the Township of South Orange Village, the Village Board of Trustees, and myself, do hereby proclaim the week of April 18, 2021 as the Days of Remembrance within the Village of South Orange in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, rescuers and liberators, and call upon all citizens of South Orange Village to make a commitment promoting tolerance and human dignity and confronting hatred whenever and wherever it may occur.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2021

HONORABLE SHEENA C. COLLUM
Village President of the
Township of South Orange Village