



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry and other religious and ethnic groups by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, six million Jews, along with millions of Gypsies, disabled, sick and elderly, prisoners of war, political leaders and other religious groups were victims of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, the tragic history offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments to protect human life, uphold human rights and prevent oppression around the world; and

WHEREAS, in memory of the silent many who were murdered in the Holocaust, we should strive to vanquish hatred, prejudice and racism through education and social justice for all; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2012, in remembrance of the millions of Jews and other innocent victims of the Holocaust, the Sheerit HaPleimah of Metropolitan Chicago will conduct its annual Collective Day of Remembrance:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2012, to be HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY IN CHICAGO, 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 Chicago, should work to promote human dignity and confront hatred whenever and wherever it occurs.

Dated this 29th day of February, 2012.

Mayor