



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR**

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the modern world, there have been periods of war, devastation, and tragedy marked by baseless hatred and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, the Nazis and their collaborators slaughtered approximately six million Jews, Gypsies, the disabled, the elderly and sick, homosexuals, religious groups, political leaders and prisoners of war; and

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

WHEREAS, in the everlasting memory of the silent many who were murdered in the Holocaust, all future citizens should strive to eradicate hatred, prejudice and racism toward their brothers and sisters through education and social justice for all; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2013, in remembrance of the millions of Jews and other innocent victims, the Sheerit HaPleitah of Metropolitan Chicago will conduct its annual Yom HaShoah:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2014 to be HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY IN CHICAGO in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, and encourage all Chicagoland residents to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

Mayor