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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To remember, acknowledge and condemn the Holocaust and to declare April 8, 2021 as Yom Ha'Shoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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 while Jews were the primary target – six million murdered – other ethnic and religious groups also were victimized; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a 1980 Act of Congress, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates Days of Remembrance each year to recall and reflect on the horrible crimes committed during the Holocaust and to endure that the memory and legacy of lives lost will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, we have a responsibility to those who perished – as well as those who survived – to educate future generations and rededicate ourselves to the history of the Holocaust and its impact on the world; and

WHEREAS, April 8, 2021 is the date recognized around the world as Yom Ha'Shoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2021, the Jewish Community Relations Council's Yom Ha'Shoah Commemoration, to be held virtually, will honor the lives of those affected – living and deceased – and call to mind their courage, forbearance, and strength; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia does not tolerate hatred on any basis; and

WHEREAS, this remembrance is part of a larger commitment by the Council and the District of Columbia to speak out against the horrors which some people are willing to commit against other people.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Holocaust Remembrance Day Recognition Resolution of 2021".

Sec. 2. The Council urges all District of Columbia residents to rededicate themselves to not bear silent witness to injustice and to always remain vigilant to the principles of a just society.

Sec. 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.