

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: April 18, 2012

SUBJECT: Resolution designating April 19th as Holocaust Remembrance Day

PRESENTER: Commissioner O'Connor

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt a Resolution, designating April 19th as Holocaust Remembrance Day in Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Resolution as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution designating April 19th as Holocaust Remembrance Day in Henderson County.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945 – six million were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

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

WHEREAS, we the people of Henderson County should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, we the people of Henderson County should actively rededicate ourselves to the principals of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, the Day of Remembrance has been set aside for the people of Henderson County to remember the victims of the Holocaust and as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 15 through Sunday, April 22, 2012, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 19, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 19, 2012 as **Holocaust Remembrance Day** 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 Henderson County, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

Adopted this 18th day of April, 2012.

THOMAS THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD