



PROCLAMATION

International 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

WHEREAS, Six million Jews were murdered and also Roma Gypsies, people with mental illness and physical disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction 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 reminds the world of the lessons to be learned in order to help prevent future acts of genocide and offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

WHEREAS, We the people of the City of Bothell should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, We remember January 27th as the 76th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau where the Soviet army liberated more than 7,000 remaining prisoners and by memorializing the past, we help to steel ourselves for the challenges of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, International Holocaust Remembrance Day has been set aside for the people of the City of Bothell to join together as a community to remember the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples.

Now, therefore, I, Mason Thompson, Mayor of the City of Bothell, do hereby declare January 27, 2022 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Bothell, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators.

Signed this 1st day of February, 2022.

Mason Thompson

Mason Thompson (Feb 16, 2022 11:23 PST)

Mason Thompson, Mayor