



WHEREAS, Yom HaShoah, Day of Remembrance, is a day set aside for the Jewish people to remember the Holocaust and is Israel's official commemoration for the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, the name comes from the Hebrew word 'shoah' which means 'catastrophe,' and

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of the Jewish people throughout Europe by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, during which six million were murdered, including 1.5 million children; and

WHEREAS, Roma, Sinti, people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including LGBTQ, 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, communities, societies, and governments; and

WHEREAS, we, the people of the City of Rockville, Maryland, should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain steadfast against hatred, persecution, oppression, and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, we, the people of the City of Rockville, should actively re-dedicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, from sundown Monday, April 13, 2026, through sundown April 14, 2026, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom HaShoah; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 37th anniversary of the global Shoah memorial initiative "Unto Every Person There Is A Name," and as time moves on, we are liable to lose sight of the fact that each life that was brutally ended belonged to an individual, a human being endowed with feelings, thoughts, ideas, and dreams whose entire world was destroyed, and whose future was erased.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim sundown on April 13, 2026, through nightfall on April 14, 2026, as **Yom HaShoah, Day of Remembrance,** and urge all residents to remember the victims of the Holocaust and reflect on the need for grace, dignity, and respect for all people.




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