

## **Proclamation**

### **“International Holocaust Remembrance Day”**

**January 27, 2022**

**Whereas**, each year, the international community observes January 27<sup>th</sup> as International Holocaust Remembrance Day by honoring the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and millions of other victims of Nazism; and,

**Whereas**, the Greater Denver Jewish Community Study, focusing on Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties, documented approximately 134,900 people in Jewish households in 2018-19; and,

**Whereas**, it was officially proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in November 2005, of commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust; and,

**Whereas**, January 27<sup>th</sup> 1945 marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau by Soviet troops; and,

**Whereas**, Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization, states *"The International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust is a time to mourn those who disappeared and to reflect upon the choice of the individuals and governments that allowed this genocide to unfold. It is also a call for vigilance and for action, to address the root causes of hatred and prevent future atrocities from happening."*; and,

**Whereas**, the Holocaust has had universal implications and consequences throughout the world, it is the collective and shared responsibility of all for addressing the ongoing trauma; remembering the lives lost and impacted; maintaining historic sites; and promoting education, documentation, and research.

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved**, that the Adams County Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims January 27, 2022 as

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and encourages all residents to honor the lives of those lost and impacted by the Holocaust.

*In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed January 22, 2022.*