

Proclamation

“International Holocaust Remembrance Day”

January 27, 2025

Whereas, each year, the international community observes January 27th 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, last conducted in 2019, focusing on Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties, documented approximately 134,900 people in Jewish households; and,

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

Whereas, January 27th 1945 marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau (Ow'-switch Berken-now') by Soviet troops; and,

Whereas, Audrey Azoulay, (Aud'-ray Az'-you-lay) 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 Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims January 27, 2025, 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 28, 2025.