

PROCLAMATION FOR THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

Whereas, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Jews were the primary victims, with six million Jews murdered. In addition, Roma, disabled people, Poles, gay men, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet POWs and political dissidents also suffered terrible oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

Whereas, a well-educated community is necessary to promote the ability to respond effectively to hateful speech and to prevent actions based upon hate; and

Whereas, in recognition that hatred, racism, bigotry, and intolerance challenge our society today, the State of Colorado requires that by July 1, 2023, each school district Board of Education and charter school include Holocaust and genocide standards as a requirement for high school graduation; 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 the City of Fruita, Colorado, should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

Whereas, we the people of the City of Fruita, Colorado, should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

Whereas, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Fruita, Colorado to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

Whereas, pursuant to a 1980 Act of Congress, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council annually designates Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, this year to be Sunday, May 5 through Sunday, May 12, 2024, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, Monday, May 6, 2024;

Now, therefore, we, the Fruita City Council on behalf of Matthew Breman, Mayor of Fruita, Colorado, does hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, May 5 through Sunday, May 12, 2024, as ***Days of Remembrance*** 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 the City of Fruita, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the official seal of the City of Fruita, this 7th day of May, 2024.

Matthew Breman, Mayor

