

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945 – six million were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation 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 offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments, to always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust, and to remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arthur W. Bryant, Mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, do hereby proclaim **the week of Sunday, April 20 through Sunday, April 27, 2025, as Days of Remembrance** in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators.



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Mayor

April 7, 2025