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CONSENT CALENDAR

March 19, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington
 Councilmember Susan Wengraf

Subject: Proclamation In Honor of the 11th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Event

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Holocaust Remembrance Day Proclamation for the 11th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day event.

BACKGROUND:

On April 7, 2013 at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, at 11am, the City of Berkeley will be honoring East Bay Holocaust survivors and remembering all who perished in the Shoah.

The Eleventh Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day theme is “**Survival in the Shadows**”. Musicians and speakers will utilize the international theme in their presentations. We invite the community to share song, traditional music, verse, and personal stories in commemorating this day.

This year’s honored survivors are Sam Genirberg and Kathryn Winter. Pianist and composer Aaron Blumenfeld will be joining us for the event.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

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Attachments:

1- Proclamation

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

- WHEREAS,** We remember with sadness the millions of victims of the "final solution." We remember with admiration the resistors, known and unknown, who risked and lost their lives to save others. We remember with respect the survivors, who escaped or who were freed, and to this very day, live to contribute so much to our world and our city. We remember today to firmly commit ourselves to say NEVER AGAIN; and
- WHEREAS,** We remember today the eleven million people killed by Nazi genocidal policy. It was the explicit aim of Hitler's regime to create a European world dominated and populated by the "Aryan" race; and
- WHEREAS,** We remember that those believed by Hitler and the Nazis to be enemies of the state, were banished to squalid concentration and death camps. Inside the camps prisoners were forced to wear various colored triangles, each color denoting a different group; and
- WHEREAS,** We remember the millions who died for who they were, how they worshiped, what they believed, and who they loved. Victims included Jews, Romanies, Poles and other Slavs, people with physical disabilities, Jehovah's Witnesses, lesbians and gays, the dissenting clergy, Communists, Socialists, and other political enemies; and
- WHEREAS,** We remember the African German children, offspring of German mothers and African soldiers, who were forcibly sterilized due to their mixed race heritage; and
- WHEREAS,** We remember the Holocaust was the state sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews by Nazi Germany. The Jewish people were marked for total destruction and over six million Jews were murdered; and
- WHEREAS,** We remember, to preserve this shared history of anguish, to keep it vivid and real, so that racism, Anti-Semitism, hatred, persecution and prejudice can be combated and contained; and
- WHEREAS,** We remember, and by memorializing the past we thereby steel ourselves for the challenges of tomorrow.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that we the people of Berkeley will always remember the suffering victims, always remember the courage of the resistors, and always treasure the survivors who are still with us in Berkeley. We join in the worldwide chorus of hope and activism to say never again and to proclaim

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