

# *Proclamation*

## **International Holocaust Remembrance Day**

**WHEREAS, January 27 is recognized by the United Nations and the international community as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, marking the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1945; and**

**WHEREAS, the Holocaust stands as one of history's most devastating manifestations of state-sponsored hatred, resulting in the systematic murder of six million Jews and millions of other victims, including Roma, people with disabilities, political dissidents, LGBTQ individuals, and others targeted by Nazi ideology; and**

**WHEREAS, the Holocaust did not begin with violence alone, but with words, policies, and the gradual erosion of democratic norms, human dignity, and truth; and**

**WHEREAS, remembrance is not a passive act, but a moral obligation that compels societies to confront the consequences of hatred, antisemitism, and indifference, both past and present; and**

**WHEREAS, antisemitism and other forms of hate continue to threaten communities across the United States and around the world, making Holocaust education and remembrance urgent civic responsibilities rather than historical formalities; and**

**WHEREAS, education, commemoration, and civic leadership play a vital role in fostering empathy, safeguarding democratic values, and ensuring that future generations understand both the history of the Holocaust and the dangers of silence in the face of injustice; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro affirms its commitment to human dignity, pluralism, and the responsibility of local government to stand clearly and publicly against hatred in all its forms;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town Council does hereby proclaim January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the Town of Carrboro, and calls upon residents, educators, faith leaders, and institutions to observe this day through reflection, learning, and renewed commitment to confronting antisemitism, bigotry, and injustice wherever they arise.**

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that on this day we honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, affirm the enduring responsibility to remember, and recommit ourselves to building a community rooted in truth, moral courage, and the defense of human dignity for all.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town Council has caused this proclamation to be adopted this 27th day of January, 2026.**

  
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