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**Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay
Holocaust Remembrance Day**

Members of the Board,

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates Days of Remembrance each year to recall and reflect on the horrible crimes committed during the Holocaust and to ensure that the memory and legacy of lives lost will not be forgotten. We have a responsibility to remember and recognize this dark chapter of world history so that we do not repeat the tragic mistakes of the past.

Therefore, I ask, without objection, that the Board of Supervisors proclaim Monday, May 6, 2024 as “Holocaust Remembrance Day” in Fairfax County, and that the Office of Public Affairs prepare a proclamation to be presented at an event outside the Board room in collaboration with the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington.

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, and while Jews were the primary target – six million murdered – other ethnic and religious groups also were victimized; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a 1980 Act of Congress, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates Days of Remembrance each year to recall and reflect on the horrible crimes committed during the Holocaust and to endure that the memory and legacy of lives lost will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, we have a responsibility to those who perished – as well as those who survived – to educate future generations and rededicate ourselves to the history of the Holocaust and its impact on the world; and

WHEREAS, May 6, 2024, is the date recognized around the world as Yom Ha'Shoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2024, the Jewish Community Relations Council's Yom Ha'shoah Commemoration, to be held virtually, will honor the lives of those affected – living and deceased – and call to mind their courage, forbearance, and strength; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim Monday, May 6, 2024, as

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY in Fairfax County

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Fairfax County residents are urged to rededicate themselves to not bear silent witness to injustice and to always remain vigilant to the principles of a just society.

Presented on this ___th day of _____ in the year 2024.

Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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