

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING

January 27, 2023 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day

WHEREAS, on this day in 1945, the Soviet Army liberated the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, freeing more than 7,000 individuals who were imprisoned there; and

WHEREAS, just days earlier, the Schutzstaffel, commonly known as the SS, forced nearly 60,000 prisoners to move out of the concentration camp and undertake the infamous Death Marches, which claimed thousands of innocent lives; and

WHEREAS, International Holocaust Remembrance Day is held on January 27 of each year; it is a day for the world to pause and remember the millions of people who were murdered or whose lives were forever changed by the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the United Nations adopted a resolution rejecting any denial of the Holocaust as a historical event, either in full or in part, and condemning "without reserve" all manifestations of religious intolerance, incitement, harassment or violence against persons or communities based on ethnic origin or religious belief, whenever they occur; the resolution also designated January 27, the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp, as an annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, on this day, Member States of the United Nations are encouraged to develop educational programs to instill the memory of the tragedy in future generations and in order to help prevent future acts of genocide; and

WHEREAS, today, San Mateo County joins with all those whose lives were affected by the Holocaust; we remember their strength, courage, and bravery, and we will continuously work to make sure their stories are remembered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates January 27, 2023, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day and encourage all County of San Mateo residents to pay honor and remember the lives impacted by the Holocaust.

Dated:

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

NOELIA CORZO

RAY MUELLER

WARREN SLOCUM

DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors