



BUFFALO GROVE

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PROCLAMATION

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**INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27—the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau—as **International Holocaust Remembrance Day**, a time to remember the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution.

**WHEREAS**, when we are witnessing an alarming rise of antisemitism around the globe, it is more important than ever for us to recognize the critical lessons of Holocaust history as we commemorate the victims and honor the survivors.

**WHEREAS**, the Holocaust stands as a harrowing reminder of what happens when hatred, dehumanization, and apathy prevail. Remembering the Holocaust safeguards the voices and memories of survivors—their vibrant communities, cherished traditions, hopes, dreams and their loved ones who did not survive.

**WHEREAS**, preserving this history not only honors the dignity of those whom the Nazis and their collaborators sought to destroy, but also serves as a powerful victory against hatred, Holocaust distortion and denial. By remembering, we confront those who seek to perpetuate the legacy of hatred into the 21st century.

**WHEREAS**, we encourage the residents of Buffalo Grove to come together to remember Holocaust victims by reading their names, by lighting candles and by learning about the Holocaust. All of us can mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day by sharing the truth of the Holocaust and by confronting antisemitism and hate in our daily lives.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Eric Smith, Village President of the Village of Buffalo Grove, do hereby proclaim **January 27, 2025** as **Holocaust Remembrance Day** in the Village of Buffalo Grove.

Proclaimed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.

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Eric N. Smith  
Village President