

City of Pembroke Pines

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBERANCE DAY

WHEREAS, January 27 marks International Holocaust Remembrance Day, designated by the United Nation General Assembly to commemorate the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp; and

WHEREAS, January 27, 2025, marks 80 years since the liberation; and

WHEREAS, today and every day, we remember and honor the memory of the six million Jews who were systematically murdered by Adolph Hitler and the Nazis, along with millions of other innocent victims, including people with disabilities, political dissidents, and others targeted for persecution; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism has been defined by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance as "a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities"; and

WHEREAS, International Holocaust Remembrance Day serves as a solemn reminder of dangers of hatred, bigotry, and antisemitism, and underscores the importance of education, vigilance, and action to prevent such atrocities from occurring again; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pembroke Pines reaffirms its commitment to promoting tolerance, understanding, and human dignity, while standing against all forms of hatred and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, it is our duty to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust remain a cornerstone of our collective memory and to honor the resilience and courage of those who survived and rebuilt their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELO CASTILLO, Mayor of the City of Pembroke Pines, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2025, as:

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in the City of Pembroke Pines and call upon all residents to join in solemn remembrance of the victims, educate themselves about the Holocaust, and commit to building a more tolerant and compassionate society.

Angelo Castillo

Mayor