



Proclamation

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 27, 2025

- WHEREAS** In 2005, the United National General Assembly designated January 27 – the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau – as International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and
- WHEREAS** On this annual day of commemoration, every member state of the U.N. has an obligation to honour the victims of the Nazi era and to develop educational programs to help prevent future genocides; and
- WHEREAS** The U.N. resolution that created IHRD rejects denial of the Holocaust and condemns discrimination and violence based on religion or ethnicity; and
- WHEREAS** Canada offers refuge and new hope to immigrants, refugees and survivors, some of whom have escaped more recent genocides – and it is a place where people learn from each other and share cultures; and
- WHEREAS** We join with the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre and our Jewish community on an annual day of commemoration to honour the victims of the Nazi era.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare January 27, 2025 as “International Holocaust Remembrance Day” in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke
City of Surrey