Glendale Unified School District Resolution No. 13 2020-2021

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021

Whereas, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945 - six million were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including LGTBQ people, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

Whereas, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

Whereas, Glendale students should understand and remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

Whereas, Glendale Unified School District should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

Whereas, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

Whereas, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Day of Remembrance known as Yom HaShoah, on April 8, 2021; and

Whereas, this year marks the 76th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz by Russian troops and the 76th Anniversary of the liberation of Dachau by American troops.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education does hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 8, 2021, as Holocaust Day of Remembrance and to hold a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the Holocaust Genocides and all human atrocities in honor of survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaims that we, the Glendale Unified School District community, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

Dated this 23rd day of March 2021.

Dr. Armina Gharpetian, Board President

Shant Sahakian, Board Vice President

Nayiri Mahabedian, Board Clerk

Gregory S. Krikorian, Board Member