



BOROUGH OF
LEWISBURG
PENNSYLVANIA

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Holocaust resulted in the deliberate murder of millions of people prior to and during World War II including one third of the Jewish people, along with countless members of other minorities such as Roma and Sinti citizens, ethnic Poles, people with disabilities, homosexuals, and political and religious opponents; and

WHEREAS, reaffirming the United Nation's *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which proclaims that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind, such as race, religion or other status, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27th as an annual **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and it is a day of global observance, The significance of the date commemorates the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp where more than one million people died, by Soviet troops on January 27, 1945; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Outreach Program, along with the history of the Holocaust, seeks to remind the world of the lessons to be learned in order to help prevent future acts of genocide and offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments, and it has partnered with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to make a film resource and educational package available to educators around the world in all United Nations official languages; and

WHEREAS, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, the 2025 theme for International Holocaust Remembrance Day is *For a Better Future*. The theme is a call to action to build a better future by confronting Holocaust and genocide denial, challenging prejudice, and promoting education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kendy Alvarez, Mayor of the Borough of Lewisburg, do hereby call upon all residents of the Borough of Lewisburg to observe January 27, 2025 as

“INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY”

in the Borough of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as residents of the Borough of Lewisburg should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of the Borough of Lewisburg on the 21st Day of January of the Year 2025.

Kendy Alvarez
Mayor
Borough of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania