



PROCLAMATION OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, January 27 is recognized as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, as designated by the United Nations General Assembly, commemorating the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp; and

WHEREAS, January 27, 2026, marks the 81st anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and serves as a moment of solemn reflection on one of the darkest chapters in human history; and

WHEREAS, we remember and honor the six million Jews systematically murdered by Adolf Hitler and the Nazi regime, as well as millions of other innocent victims, including people with disabilities, political dissidents, LGBTQ individuals, and others targeted for persecution and extermination; and

WHEREAS, The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Definition of Antisemitism recognizes antisemitism as “a certain perceptions of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews,” including rhetorical and physical manifestations directed toward individuals, communities, institutions and religious facilities; and

WHEREAS, International Holocaust Remembrance Day stands as a solemn reminder of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, and antisemitism, and underscores the vital importance of education, vigilance, and action to ensure such atrocities are never repeated; and

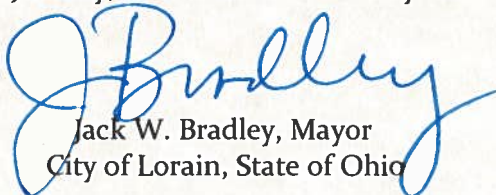
WHEREAS, the City of Lorain reaffirms its commitment to human dignity, tolerance, and mutual respect, while standing firmly against antisemitism and all forms of hatred and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, it is our shared responsibility to preserve the lessons of the Holocaust as a cornerstone of our collective memory and to honor the resilience and courage of survivors who rebuilt their lives and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jack W. Bradley, Mayor of the City of Lorain, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Lorain. I call upon all residents to join in solemn remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust, to educate themselves about its history and lessons, and to recommit to building a more just, tolerant, and compassionate society free from antisemitism and hatred of any kind.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great seal of the City of Lorain to be affixed this 27th day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-six.




Jack W. Bradley, Mayor
City of Lorain, State of Ohio