



## PROCLAMATION

### JANUARY 27 RECOGNIZED AS INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

**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 and millions of other innocent victims, including people of the Catholic faith, people with disabilities, political dissidents, Roma, LGBTQ+ individuals, and others systematically persecuted and murdered by Adolf Hitler and the Nazi regime; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Definition of Antisemitism recognizes antisemitism as "a certain perception 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 Town of Lyons 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, Hollie Rogin, Mayor of Lyons, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2026, as **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** in the Town of Lyons.

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 WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Lyons to be affixed this 20th of **January 2026**.

Hollie Rogin  
Mayor, Town of Lyons

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Hollie Rogin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dolores Vasquez, CMC, Town Clerk