

PROCLAMATION

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

April 24, 2017

Holocaust Remembrance Day is our nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and is a time for us to remember that six million Jews were murdered in the Nazi Holocaust from 1933 to 1945 as part of a systematic program of genocide, and millions of other people also perished as victims of Nazism.

These atrocities must never be forgotten, and we must not allow others who seek to deny the fact or extent of the Holocaust to distort this painful and shameful history. Today, the specter of hatred continues to resurface in acts of genocide and terrorism throughout the world and reminds us, as individuals, that we each have a responsibility to actively resist the evils of hatred, prejudice, and bigotry wherever we confront them.

I encourage all members of our campus community to dedicate ourselves to the principles of peace, equality, justice, and human dignity for all people. As a community committed to overcoming prejudice and intolerance through education and discourse, Montclair State University joins others throughout the world in this international commemoration. The theme for this year's observance is, "Learning from the Holocaust: The Strength of the Human Spirit."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSAN A. COLE, President of Montclair State University, hereby proclaim April 24, 2017 as "*Holocaust Remembrance Day*," and I urge all of us to let the tragedies of the past teach us the way to a more tolerant world.

SUSAN A. COLE April 18, 2017