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**To:** Jack Crompton

**Subject:** Time Sensitive - Passing Proclamation for Holocaust Remembrance Day

Mayor Crompton:

I hope all is well with you and you are staying healthy and safe.

I am reaching out because International Holocaust Remembrance Day is January 27<sup>th</sup> and it feels that now more than ever it is critical that communities take a moment to mark this day. The Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver is aware of so many Jewish people who call Whistler home either on the weekends or full time which made me think it is time to pass a proclamation of your own (if you do that). I have attached an example proclamation so that you can pull the language. We must in these moments when populism, white supremacy and intolerance is on the rise remind our communities where that can lead. I am here to answer any questions you may have. You may contact me on my mobile [REDACTED].

Thank you for your consideration,

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## Proclamation


### "INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY"

- WHEREAS In 2005, the U.N. General Assembly designated January 27 - the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau - as International Holocaust Remembrance Day;
- AND WHEREAS On this annual day of commemoration, every member state of the U.N. has an obligation to honour the victims of the Nazi era and to develop educational programs to help prevent future genocides;
- AND WHEREAS The U.N. resolution that created IHRD rejects denial of the Holocaust and condemns discrimination and violence based on religion or ethnicity;
- AND WHEREAS Canada offers refuge and new hope to immigrants, refugees and survivors, some of whom have escaped more recent genocides - and it is a place where people learn from each other and share cultures;
- AND WHEREAS We join with the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre and our Jewish community on an annual day of commemoration to honour the victims of the Nazi era:
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregor Robertson, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as

### "INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY"

in the City of Vancouver.



  
Gregor Robertson  
MAYOR