



PROCLAMATION

47th Annual South Orange/Maplewood Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service

WHEREAS, six million Jews were systematically and ruthlessly targeted and murdered by Nazi Germany and its collaborators in the Holocaust between 1933 and 1945; and


WHEREAS, another six million people - Romas, Sinti, Slavs, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, racial minorities, trade unionists, and political dissidents - were persecuted and killed by the Nazis; and

WHEREAS, we must never forget the Holocaust by remembering and teaching about the horrors and challenging those who ignore, deny, distort and revise this darkest chapter in human history; and

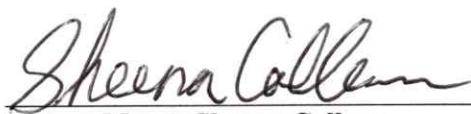
WHEREAS, we recognize that ethnic, racial and religious intolerance and hate are rising in the United States and around the world and are threats to peace, harmony and understanding among people, and we call on all people to stand up and speak out against hatred and intolerance of all kinds; and

WHEREAS, for 47 years, clergy, civic organizations, and people of all faiths and backgrounds in South Orange and Maplewood have worked together to produce the annual Remember & Tell, the SOMA Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance March and Service, which will be held at Morrow Memorial United Methodist Church in Maplewood on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, THAT, WE, Maplewood Mayor Nancy Adams and South Orange Mayor Sheena Collum, on behalf of the Maplewood Township Committee and South Orange Village Council, recognize the importance of the annual SOMA Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance March and Service and urge our residents to participate in the 2024 Service at Morrow Church. We also recognize the responsibilities of all of us to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs, and bear witness for future generations so we will “never again” experience the atrocities of the Holocaust.



Mayor Nancy Adams



Mayor Sheena Collum