



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Education Center Brookdale Community College 30th Anniversary

- WHEREAS:** The Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Education Center at Brookdale Community College was founded in 1979 under the name, the Center for Holocaust Studies at Brookdale Community College, and
- WHEREAS:** The mission of the Center is to be a resource for education about historical issues of the Holocaust and genocide; elimination of racism, anti-Semitism and all forms of prejudice that damage our society; and development of outstanding creative programs and activities regarding these crucial human issues, and
- WHEREAS:** In 2008, the Center changed its name to the 'Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Education Center at Brookdale Community College' to reflect the full scope of its activities and the extensive programming and services offered to the community in all these areas, and
- WHEREAS:** The Center, through its programs, provides vital, creative educational resources to address genocide and human rights issues both locally and around the world, and
- WHEREAS:** In 2009, the Center will commemorate its 30th anniversary through a series of events that focus on the Center's mission, including a new exhibit called *The Exhibit: A Journey to Life* to be held at the Monmouth Museum on the campus of Brookdale Community College. There will also be a student art exhibit and an exhibit on modern genocide and human rights abuses. The exhibit will run through May 17, 2009, and forms the basis for educational materials to carry its message well beyond the timeframe of the anniversary commemoration, and
- WHEREAS:** To honor and recognize local Holocaust survivors and their lives and experiences, the Center will hold a Commemorative Celebration on May 3, 2009, and in Spring 2009 will publish a Tribute Book honoring these local Holocaust survivors. Now
- THEREFORE:** Be it proclaimed on April 20, 2009 that I, Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill, and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby congratulate the Center on its 30th anniversary and recognizes the vital work performed by the staff and volunteers at the Center over the past 30 years and continuing into the future.

Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill