

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Edward (Ed) Stern



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Jews were the primary victims—six million Jews were murdered; Roma, people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons. Millions more, including gay men, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and
- WHEREAS,** the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and
- WHEREAS,** we the people of the City of Poulsbo should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and
- WHEREAS,** we the people of the City of Poulsbo should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and
- WHEREAS,** the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Poulsbo to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 12, 2026, through Sunday, April 19, 2026, including the Holocaust Remembrance Day known as Yom HaShoah, April 14, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward Stern, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim April 12th through April 19th as:

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.



Dated this 1st day of APRIL, 2026.


Edward R. Stern, Mayor