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Buddy Johnson, Mayor
Commitment to Community
Proclamation

Whereas, The Holocaust was Nazi Germany's deliberate, state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately six million European Jews and millions more Soviet prisoners of war, Romany, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, and other victims; and

Whereas, the students of Foxborough Regional Charter School collected stamps to represent the millions of victims of the Nazi regime; and

Whereas, the American Philatelic Society built a museum exhibit entitled "A Philatelic Memorial of the Holocaust" from a collection of Holocaust postal relics, dedicated to the remembrance and education of the terrible events of the Holocaust; and

Whereas, consisting of 11 million stamps, four walls of educational and postal history material, and [10] student artworks, the museum exhibit offers the public an opportunity to walk through a timeline of persecution from 1933 to 1945, read postal material sent to and from ghettos and concentration camps, and witness the remembrance efforts of individuals and the worldwide community after the Nazi regime's fall; and

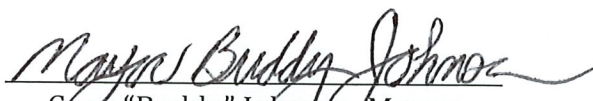
Whereas, the American Philatelic Society has dedicated and formally opened the museum exhibit to the public on May 31, 2023, with the partnership of Penn State University Hillel and the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Education Initiative; and

Whereas, youth and adults benefit from education about difficult topics including the Holocaust and genocide, thereby learning empathy, critical thinking, and civic discourse; and

Whereas, we the people of the City of Bellefonte should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and honor the victims and survivors through education.

Now, therefore, I, Buddy Johnson, Mayor of Bellefonte, do hereby proclaim the official dedication and opening of "A Philatelic Memorial of the Holocaust" exhibit, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Bellefonte, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

Dated: June 7, 2023


Gene "Buddy" Johnson, Mayor
Borough of Bellefonte