



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

- WHEREAS:** On January 27, 1945, the Red Army entered the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, liberating the more than 7,000 individuals who were imprisoned there; and
- WHEREAS:** Just days earlier, the Schutzstaffel, commonly known as the SS, forced nearly 60,000 prisoners to evacuate the concentration camp and embark on the infamous Death Marches, which took thousands of innocent lives; and
- WHEREAS:** On November 1, 2005, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to designate January 27th as an International Day of Commemoration in memory of Holocaust victims – the day upon which the world will remember the Holocaust and its victims each year; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust was established to preserve the memory of Holocaust victims and promote greater public awareness of the history surrounding this senseless tragedy; and
- WHEREAS:** On International Holocaust Remembrance Day and throughout the year, we honor Georgia Holocaust survivors and liberators, and we further encourage all citizens to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2020 as INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Terry K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF