



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

- WHEREAS:** The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945 – six million Jews were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including homosexuals, 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 the need for respect of all peoples; and
- WHEREAS:** We the people of the State of Georgia should examine the roles ordinary people played during the Holocaust and pledge to become active participants in our schools, communities and in our democracy. We must remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and genocide and actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, established to preserve the memory and promote public understanding of the history, has designated "Every Person Has A Name" as the theme of the 2021 Georgia Days of Remembrance; and
- WHEREAS:** These Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the State of Georgia to remember the victims and honor the survivors, rescuers, and liberators of the Holocaust; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 4, through Sunday, April 11, 2021, as HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the State of Georgia, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Manton Kippenich

CHIEF OF STAFF