

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## **A PROCLAMATION**

## YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEREAS:

The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of Six Million European Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. During the era of the Holocaust, German authorities also targeted Roma, Poles, people with disabilities, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents for oppression, destruction, or decimation; 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:

Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is observed on the 27th day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar representing Israel's day of commemoration for the Six Million Jewish people including 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust and honoring the survivors, rescuers, and liberators of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS:

"The Memorial to the Six Million," at Greenwood Cemetery, dedicated on April 25, 1965, has stood for more than 58 years as Eternal Life-Hemshech's greatest tribute to the memories of Holocaust victims, and is a testament to our commitment to honor the lives lost to the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS:

To correspond with the observance of Yom HaShoah in Israel, Eternal Life-Hemshech, The Breman Jewish Heritage Museum and The Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, which have made exceptional educational contributions to the State of Georgia, will observe the 58th Annual Community-wide Yom HaShoah Holocaust Commemoration at the Memorial to the Six Million on April 16th, 2023; now

THEREFORE:

I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as YOM HASHOAH, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



GOVERNOR

Marker Kilpertnich

CHIEF OF STAFF