

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

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. We must continue to remain vigilant against hatred, racism, antisemitism, and genocide and actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS:

The State of Georgia encourages its citizens to examine the roles ordinary people played during the Holocaust and to pledge to become active participants in school, in the community, and in democracy. In 2024, Governor Brian P. Kemp signed HB 30 into law, defining antisemitism and reaffirming the "commitment to a Georgia where all people can live and learn and prosper safely, because there is no place for hate in this great state;" and

WHEREAS:

The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, established to preserve the memory and promote public understanding of the history, has designated "Honoring Mothers in the Holocaust: Sacrifice and Valor" as the theme of the 2024 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 P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2024, as 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 6th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF

