



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

YOM HASHOAH

- 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
- WHEREAS:** We should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny. We must also rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom and human dignity in a just society; and
- WHEREAS:** The Holocaust reminds us of the ethical questions raised by this unprecedented event and the individual and collective accountability, especially in any democratic system of government; 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 60 years as Eternal Life-Hemshech's greatest tribute to the memories of Holocaust victims, and is a testament commitment to honor the 6 million 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 60th Annual Community-wide Yom HaShoah Holocaust Commemoration at the Memorial to the Six Million on April 27, 2025; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2025, 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 10th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF