



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEREAS: The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of Europe's Jewish population by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. With six million murdered, Jews were the primary victims; Roma, Poles, people with disabilities, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents were also targeted for oppression, destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic or national reasons; 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 as we rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS: January 27<sup>th</sup> has been set aside by individuals, organizations, and nations all around the world as Holocaust Remembrance Day. This solemn date affords us the opportunity to reflect on the unconscionable genocide of millions of lives while also recognizing the need to ensure that such atrocities do not occur again; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2016, as HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY in Georgia and urge all citizens to commemorate this day by honoring the victims of the Holocaust and the principles we stand for.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF

