



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

- 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. Six million individuals were murdered with Jews being the primary victims - though Gypsies, Poles, blacks and other ethnic minorities, homosexuals, and the handicapped were also targeted; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust was established to teach the important lessons of the Holocaust in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity, and a vigilance to prevent their recurrence; and
- WHEREAS: The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and more importantly, governments; and
- WHEREAS: The Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the State of Georgia to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and
- WHEREAS: Pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980) the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be April 16 through April 20, including the Day of Remembrance known as *Yom HaShoah*, April 20; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2012 through April 20, 2012, as HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAYS in Georgia in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF