



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HOLOCAUST 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. 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: "Mothers and Fathers: Stories of Love and Loss" is the theme of the 2016 Georgia Days of Remembrance. The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

WHEREAS: We should rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society, while working to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust was established to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and promote public understanding of the history. This commission encourages reflection upon the moral questions raised by this unprecedented event and the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy; and

WHEREAS: These Days of Remembrance afford us the opportunity to honor and remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as the survivors, rescuers, and liberators; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 1-8 as HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE 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 21st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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