



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 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 moral questions raised by this unprecedented event and the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy; and
- WHEREAS: January 21st is recognized as International Holocaust Remembrance Day around the world, a day set aside to remember the victims and honor the survivors, rescuers, and liberators of the Holocaust; and
- WHEREAS: Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is observed on the 27th of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar and represents Israel's day of commemoration for the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. In Israel, this day is recognized as a national memorial day; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2018, as HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY in Georgia and join in recognizing the 53rd Annual Community Observance at the Memorial to the Six Million to take place at the Greenwood Cemetery in remembrance of this tragic event in history.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

CHIEF OF STAFF