

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim the week of April, 19 2009,

Days of Remembrance

Whereas, The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborations; and,

Whereas, Between 1933 and 1945, people of Jewish descent were the primary victims of the Holocaust with six million of them murdered; and,

Whereas, Gypsies, the handicapped, and the Polish were all targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and,

Whereas, Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and,

Whereas, The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments; and,

Whereas, The United State Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 19, 2009, through Sunday, April 26, 2009, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, which is April 21;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19, 2009, Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators. I encourage all citizens to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor