



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of more than six million Jews and millions of others including Gypsies, the handicapped, Poles, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents under the Nazi tyranny that brutalized Europe between 1932 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980) the United States Holocaust Memorial Council annually designates the Days of Remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust, not for memory's sake alone, but to affirm that education and dialogue are the cornerstone of a universal commitment, in the name of our common humanity, to the struggle against hatred and bigotry wherever they exist; and

WHEREAS, for more than two decades, the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education has provided a national model for programs on the Holocaust and genocide as a critical and dynamic lesson that we must continue always to speak out and fight against hatred, persecution and tyranny everywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, this year, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council has dedicated the Days of Remembrance as Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, 2009, designating April 21, 2009 as the international Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah; and

WHEREAS, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has chosen "Never Again: What You Do Matters" as the theme for this year's Yom Hashoah commemorations, underscoring the need to remember not for memory's sake alone, but to affirm that education and dialogue form the cornerstone of a universal commitment, in the name of our common humanity, to the struggle against hatred and bigotry wherever they exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

APRIL 19 THROUGH 26, 2009
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DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in New Jersey, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and do commend the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the survivors, rescuers and liberators whose extraordinary stories embody the conscience of the world and teach us to overcome intolerance and indifference through education, remembrance and action.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this nineteenth day of April in the year two thousand nine, the two hundred thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States.

GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Nina Mitchell Wells

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SECRETARY OF STATE