



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The Holocaust was one of the darkest points in recorded history, with millions of innocents killed out of fanatical hatred. It is crucial to remember this devastating event, both to memorialize the millions of victims of the Holocaust and to honor the millions of courageous soldiers and citizens who fought against it. And, while it is painful, we must also remember these unspeakable evil acts so that we might prevent similarly horrific events from marring our future.

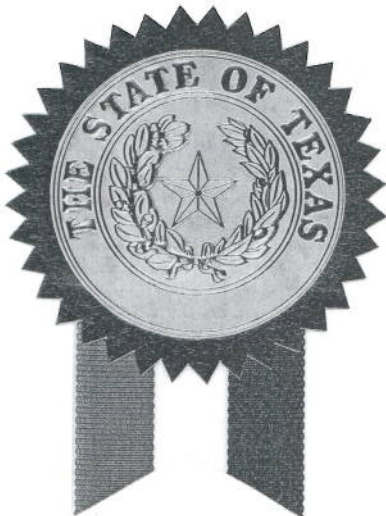
Each year, America sets aside the Days of Remembrance to provide an opportunity to remember those who died during the Holocaust and to acknowledge the darkness that can spring forth from seeds of hatred, prejudice and apathy.

It is also a time to honor those who, at great personal peril, spoke up for the persecuted. As we remember what humanity can do at its worst, let us also recognize what it can do in its finest moments.

I urge all Texans to join me in paying tribute to those who lost their lives and those who fought heroically in the name of freedom. As we look to the future, let us always be mindful that the power to end violence and suffering resides in our hearts and minds.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 19-26, 2009,

Days of Remembrance



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
10th day of March, 2009.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas