

State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored persecution of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

*W*HEREAS, Jews, six million of whom were murdered, were the primary victims, but Gypsies, the handicapped and Poles were also targets for racial, ethnic or national reasons, and millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

*W*HEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments; and

*W*HEREAS, the citizens of the State of Connecticut should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

*W*HEREAS, the citizens of the State of Connecticut should continually rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality and justice for all; and

*W*HEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been established for the citizens of Connecticut to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as reflect upon our own humanity and the need to respect all peoples; and

*W*HEREAS, the theme for the 2009 Days of Remembrance has been designated as "Never Again: What You Do Matters;" and

*W*HEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980) the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be the week of Sunday, April 19, 2009 through Sunday, April 26, 2009, which includes the Day of Remembrance known as *Yom Hashoah*, April 21; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. JODI RELL, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 19, 2009 through Sunday, April 26, 2009, as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in the State of Connecticut in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators. I further urge our citizens to strive to overcome intolerance, prejudice and indifference through learning and remembrance.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor