



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE – YOM HASHOAH

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators from 1933 to 1945; and

WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims, yet millions more, including the handicapped, political dissidents, Soviet prisoners of war, and others deemed “unworthy of life,” 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, people should always remember the atrocious events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, people should actively dedicate themselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, the Day of Remembrance provides an opportunity to remember the victims of the Holocaust and show respect for all peoples; and

WHEREAS, May 2, 2008 was designated by Congress as a Day of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust, known as Yom Hashoah; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the residents of Florida to join in this commemoration with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the nation’s center for learning and remembrance of the Holocaust;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 19, 2009 as a *Day of Remembrance – Yom Hashoah*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 31st day of April, in the year two thousand nine.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charlie Crist".

Governor