

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and
- WHEREAS, during this sad time in history, six million were murdered, while many others were forced into grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny for racial, ethnic or national reasons; and
- WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and
- WHEREAS, the people of the State of Illinois also should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny. In addition, we should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and
- WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the State of Illinois to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and
- WHEREAS, 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. This year's observances will take place from Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, on April 21;

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 19 - 26, 2009 as **DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE** in Illinois, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and urge all citizens to collectively and individually strive to overcome bigotry, hatred and indifference through learning, tolerance and remembrance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Osse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,  
this SECOND day of MARCH, in  
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and  
NINE, and of the State of Illinois  
the one hundred and NINETY-FIRST

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR