

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

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 – six million Jews were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation 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

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

Whereas, we the people of the state of Oklahoma should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust, remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, tyranny, and promote human dignity and freedom; and

Whereas, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the state of Oklahoma to remember the victims of the Holocaust and reflect on the need for respect of all people; 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 to be on Sunday, April 27 through Sunday, May 4, 2014, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah on April 28, 2014;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of April 27th through May 4th, 2014 as

"Days of Remembrance"

in the state of Oklahoma.

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



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 26th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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