



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

AND

HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A 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, Jews were the primary victims of the Holocaust with six million people murdered, and millions of others were targeted because of race, ethnicity, physical and developmental disability, sexuality, or nationality reasons; Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents also suffered oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the United States, including North Carolina, became the homeland to Holocaust survivors who, having deep appreciation for the freedom and opportunities afforded by this nation, greatly contributed to the culture and strength of their adopted homeland; and

WHEREAS, the people of North Carolina, the United States, and the world should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and should remain vigilant against bigotry and tyranny; it is imperative that we continually rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust have been set aside for the people of North Carolina to remember the inhumanity of those who perpetrated the Holocaust, as well as to reflect upon 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 Sunday, April 19, 2020, through Sunday, April 26, 2020, including the International Day of Remembrance, known as Yom HaShoah, on April 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the nation in commemorating the victims of the Holocaust, the survivors, and their liberators, and encourages our communities to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 19 – April 26, 2020, as “**DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST**” and April 21, 2020, as “**HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION DAY**” in North Carolina, and commend observance to all citizens;





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.