



Dear Governor

The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust, and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to those victims. In accordance with its Congressional mandate, the Museum will again lead the nation in the annual Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust. This year's observance will take place from Sunday, April 23 through Sunday, April 30, 2006. The Day of Remembrance, *Yom HaShoah*, is April 25.

The Museum has designated "**Legacies of Justice**" as the theme for the 2006 Days of Remembrance in honor of the courage of, and the precedents set by, those who testified during the trials of Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg and other locations immediately after World War II. The theme also pays tribute to those who work tirelessly for the cause of justice, both then and now. Reflection on the prosecution of Nazi perpetrators reminds us that we must take action to prevent atrocities and vigorously pursue justice for the victims of such acts of hatred and inhumanity.

Recognizing the importance that we, as a nation and individually, must strive to overcome prejudice and inhumanity through education, vigilance and tolerance, your personal leadership in this national commitment to remember is essential. Thus, we respectfully encourage you commemorate the Days of Remembrance with appropriate ceremonies and programs and to issue, as was done in the past, a special Days of Remembrance Proclamation for distribution to the citizens of Alaska. A sample is enclosed for your consideration and convenience. A background piece on the theme for this year is enclosed and we encourage you to access the Museum's website at www.ushmm.org for further information on Days of Remembrance.

Situated among our national monuments to freedom, the Museum is both a memorial to the past and a living reminder of the moral obligations of individuals and societies. Through educational activities, programs for leaders and global outreach, the Museum works to ensure that all generations, now and in the future, learn the timely and urgent lessons of the Holocaust.

We thank you for your partnership with us in this important mission, and welcome your leadership in ensuring the meaningful commemoration of this year's Days of Remembrance in your community.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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Director

Enclosures