

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

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—six million were murdered. Gypsies, the disabled, and people of Slavic descent were also targeted for destruction for racial and ethnic reasons; and

WHEREAS: Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also suffered oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS: The United States, including Arkansas, became the homeland to Holocaust survivors who, having deep appreciation for the freedom and opportunities afforded by this Nation and State, greatly contributed to the culture and strength of their adopted homeland; and

WHEREAS: A Day of Remembrance has been set aside for the people of our State to remember the inhumanity of those who perpetrated the Holocaust, as well as to reflect upon the need of respect for all people; and

WHEREAS: We, the people of Arkansas, should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and must remain vigilant against bigotry and tyranny; and

WHEREAS: We must continually rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality and justice; 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 May 1 through Sunday May 8, 2011, including the Day of Remembrance known as *Yom Hashoah*, May 1, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 1 through 8, 2011, as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

across the State of Arkansas, in memory of the victims, the survivors, and their liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the State of Arkansas, should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord 2011.





MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR



MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE