# STATE OF DELAWARE

# *OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR*

***STATEMENT***
***IN OBSERVANCE OF***
***DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE***

***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 time period, 6 million Jews were murdered and millions of others were persecuted for racial, ethnic, or national reasons, and 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,*** citizens should actively rededicate themselves to the principles of individual freedom and civil rights; and

***Whereas,*** Delawareans should keep in mind the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and oppression; and

***Whereas,*** the U.S. Congress set aside the Days of Remembrance as a time for citizens to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples and to remember each victim of the Holocaust; and

***Whereas,*** the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has chosen this year's theme "Justice and Accountability in the Face of Genocide: What Have We Learned?" to mark the 65th anniversary of the Nuremburg trials, and the 50th anniversary of the trial of Adolf Eichmann. Both trials were landmarks in international justice for Holocaust victims.

***Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,***
***and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,***
do hereby declare May 1st – May 8th, 2011

***DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE***

in the First State, and urge all Delawareans to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

Jack Markell

**Jack A. Markell**
***Governor***

Matthew Denn

**Matthew Denn**
***Lieutenant Governor***

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