

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

Whereas, the Holocaust was the systematic persecution and annihilation of the European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

Whereas, Jews were the primary victims – six million were murdered; and

Whereas, Gypsies, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and

Whereas, 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, the people of the state of Oklahoma should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, tyranny; 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 as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

Whereas, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-338, 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, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as

### "Days of Remembrance"

in the state of Oklahoma, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, the rescuers and liberators. All Oklahomans should promote human dignity and confront hate wherever and whenever it occurs.

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



ATTEST:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Feb. in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and third year.

Lucielle R. Day, Secretary of State  
Mary Fallin, Governor