


State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

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. Jews were the primary victims – six million were murdered; Gypsies, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for radical, ethnic, or national reasons; 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 Iowa should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and
- WHEREAS,** the people of the State of Iowa should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and
- WHEREAS,** the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the State of Iowa 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 96-388, 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;

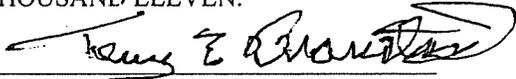
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, May 1, through Sunday, May 8, 2011 as Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the State of Iowa, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

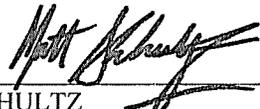
in Iowa.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 5th
DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO
THOUSAND ELEVEN.**


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE