

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- 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. Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons. 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, We, the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and
- WHEREAS, We, the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, 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 Kentuckians to remember the victims of the Holocaust, as well as 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 known as Yom Hashoah on May 2, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 1 - 8, 2011, as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 28th day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven and in the 219th year of the Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Beshear".

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elaine N. Walker".

Elaine N. Walker
Secretary of State