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By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, Jews, six million of whom were murdered, were the primary victims, but Gypsies, the handicapped and Poles were also targeted for destruction for racial, ethnic or national reasons, and 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 citizens of the State of Connecticut should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Connecticut should continually rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been established for the citizens of Connecticut to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as reflect upon our own humanity and the need to respect all peoples; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2011 Days of Remembrance has been designated as "Justice and Accountability in the Face of Genocide: What Have We Learned?"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be the week of Sunday, May 1, 2011 through Sunday, May 8, 2011, which includes the Day of Remembrance known as *Yom Hashoah*, May 1; now

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, May 1, through Sunday, May 8, 2011, as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in the State of Connecticut in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators. I further urge our citizens to work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

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