

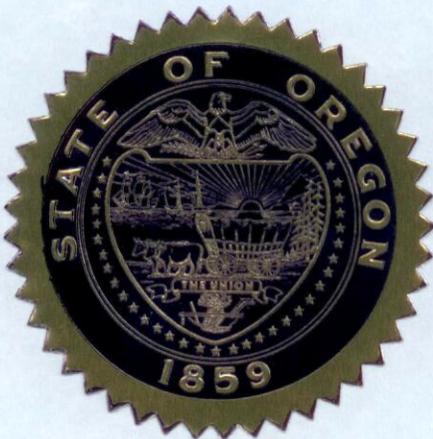
STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- 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 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:** The people of the State of Oregon 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 Oregon 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 Oregon 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, 2011 through Sunday, May 8, 2011 including the Day of Remembrance known as *Yom Hashoah*, May 1, 2011.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 1- 8, 2011** to be

**DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE
IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST**

In Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February, 21, 2011.



John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State