Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE
May 1-8, 2011

"Justice and Accountability in the Face of Genocide: What Have We Learned?"

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; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

WHEREAS, we, as citizens of our Commonwealth and our nation, the land of the free, should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, it is important, as we continue to remember World War II, that we actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom, justice, national liberty, and equality; 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, including the International Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all of humanity.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 1-8, 2011, DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE in Pennsylvania. In honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, I encourage all citizens to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this fifth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

TOM CORBETT
Governor