

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

2011

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A 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; and

WHEREAS, Jewish citizens and people of Jewish descent were the primary victims of the Holocaust, with six million murdered, Gypsies, the handicapped and people of Slavic descent were also targeted for destruction; and

WHEREAS, millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents, and others also suffered oppression and annihilation under Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of North Carolina became the homeland to Holocaust survivors who, having deep appreciation for the freedom and opportunities afforded by our State and nation, greatly contributed to the culture and strength of their adopted homeland; and

WHEREAS, Days of Remembrance have been set aside in the State of North Carolina for citizens to reflect upon the atrocities perpetrated by Nazi Germany during the Holocaust in an effort to promote respect for all people; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina remembers these terrible events and we remain vigilant against bigotry and tyranny in North Carolina and throughout the world, as we rededicate ourselves this year and every year to the principles of equality and justice; 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 International Day of Remembrance known as *Yom HaShoah*, on Sunday, May 1, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 1-8, 2011, as the "DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST" in North Carolina, and May 1, 2011, as the "INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE" known as *Yom HaShoah*, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the State of North Carolina, should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this first of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.