



## 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, during this sad time in history, six million people were murdered, while many others were forced into grievous oppression under Nazi tyranny for racial, ethnic or national reasons; 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 Illinois should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny. In addition, we 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 Illinois to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all people; 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 to the victims of the Holocaust; and,*

*WHEREAS, this year's observance will take place from Sunday, May 1 through Sunday, May 8, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, on May 1:*

*THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 1-8, 2011 as **DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE** in Illinois, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and urge all citizens to collectively and individually strive to overcome bigotry, hatred and indifference through learning, tolerance and remembrance.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,  
this SEVENTEENTH day of MARCH, in  
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and  
ELEVEN, and of the State of Illinois  
the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD*

*Deese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Pat Quinn*  
GOVERNOR