

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

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 when Jews were the primary victims – six million were murdered, and Gypsies, the handicapped, Poles, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents were also targeted for death or imprisonment due to racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more 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 Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin should actively rededicate themselves 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 Wisconsin to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

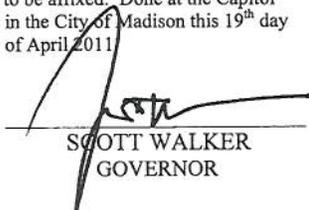
WHEREAS; pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, May 1 through Sunday, May 8, 2011, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, May 1, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, May 1 – Sunday, May 8, 2011 as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 19th day of April, 2011.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Clerk of the State

THOMAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

