

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the government-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, during the Holocaust, six million were murdered, 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, Alaskans should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny, and 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 Alaska to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim April 15-22, 2012 as:

Days of Remembrance

in Alaska, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, rescuers, and liberators, and ask that all Alaskans strive to promote human dignity and to overcome intolerance through learning and remembrance.

Dated: April 4, 2012



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.