



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

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 the Holocaust, six million Jews were murdered, Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic or national reasons, and millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents also 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 Florida should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

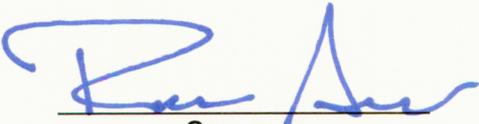
WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of Florida to remember the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to reflect on the need for respect for all peoples; and

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, April 15 through Sunday, April 22, 2012, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, on April 19, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 15 – 22, 2012 as *Days of Remembrance* in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescues and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the State of Florida, should work to promote human dignity and confront hatred whenever and wherever it occurs.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 14th day of March, in the year two thousand twelve.


Governor