

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE

DEPARTMENT



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 and death 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 bear in memory the victims of the Holocaust while reflecting on the need for respect of all peoples; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980 the United States Congress dedicated the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust. This year's observance will take place from Sunday April 11th through Sunday April 18th, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoa, on April 11th; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 11-18, 2012 as **DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE** in Illinois, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators. I 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 SEVENTH *day of* MARCH *, in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
TWELVE *, and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-FOURTH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR