



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; 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; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and,

WHEREAS, we should rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, enacted on October 7, 1980, the United States Congress dedicated the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust; 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 people; and,

WHEREAS, this year's observance will take place from April 16 through April 23, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom HaShoah on April 16th;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 16-23, 2015 as the **DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE** in Illinois, in memory of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and 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 TWENTY-THIRD *day of* MARCH, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
FIFTEEN, *and of the State of Illinois,*
one hundred and NINETY-SEVENTH.

Dorise Witt

SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR