



A Proclamation by the Governor

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

WHEREAS, six million Jews including 1.5 million children, were murdered, simply because of their faith and religions and were the primary victims of the Nazis; and

WHEREAS, the Nazis also targeted for racial, ethnic or national reasons millions of others and killed millions including Gypsies, Poles, the handicapped, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, prisoners of war and political dissidents; and

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

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Nevada should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against all forms of hatred, persecution, bigotry, violence and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada recognizes the importance of Holocaust education for our school children and adults and supports the work of the Governor's Council on the Study of Education Relating to the Holocaust, and commends the Council for their outstanding work in teaching the history and lessons of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, the increase in Anti-Semitic and Anti-Israel rhetoric and incidents across the world are of great concern to the citizens of the State of Nevada and that we should continually rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality, freedom, justice, diversity and tolerance for all people; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas on behalf of the entire Jewish community of Nevada is hosting its Jewish Community Advocacy Day in the State Capitol in order to share with our Statewide elected officials and Members of the Nevada Senate and Assembly issues of concern to the Jewish community and State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance-Yom HaShoah-Holocaust Memorial Day has been established for the citizens of Nevada to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect upon our own humanity and the need to respect all peoples; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance to the victims of the Holocaust to be observed each year in the United States including Yom HaShoah;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the week of April 16, 2015 as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE-YOM HASHOAH-HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY & WEEK

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 30th day of March, 2015.



Brian Sandoval
By the Governor: Governor

Barbara K. Cegavske
Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy