



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and
- WHEREAS:** Eleven million people were murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust, including Jews, Roma, Poles, people with disabilities, homosexuals, political dissidents, and prisoners of war; and
- WHEREAS:** The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and
- WHEREAS:** Minnesotans should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and promote human dignity while remaining vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and
- WHEREAS:** The people of Minnesota should actively rededicate themselves to the principle of individual freedom in a just society; and
- WHEREAS:** The Days of Remembrance have been set aside for Minnesotans to remember the victims of the Holocaust and honor the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators, and to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and
- WHEREAS:** Pursuant to an Act of Congress, Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates Sunday, April 27, 2014, through Sunday, May 4, 2014, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom HaShoah, Monday, April 28, 2014, as the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 27, 2014-May 4, 2014, as:

## DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE