



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, January 27th marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp and is designated as International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945 during which six million Jews were murdered; and

WHEREAS, during the Holocaust, other groups were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) has adopted a non-legally binding "working definition" along with examples to aid in identifying and combatting antisemitism, which the Trump Administration adopted and the State Department continues to use; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned IHRA working definition reads: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities;" and

WHEREAS, though the tragedy of the Holocaust occurred decades ago, Jewish people continue to endure violent attacks antithetical to our founding principles; and

WHEREAS, we the people of the State of Tennessee should remember the victims of the Holocaust and reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals and governments, remain vigilant against hatred and acts of antisemitism, and stand in solidarity with Jewish people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2022, as

Holocaust Remembrance Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-fifth day of January 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Ju Hargett

Secretary of State