



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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, Roma, people with disabilities, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, the Germans and their collaborators not only caused the death of six million Jews, but also destroyed the history and culture of hundreds of communities in Europe, some centuries old; and

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

WHEREAS, we the people of the State of Tennessee should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, we the people of the State of Tennessee 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 Tennessee to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as 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 the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 7, through Sunday, April 14, 2013, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 8, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 7-14, 2013, as

Days of Remembrance

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 March, 2013.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State