



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the Holocaust, also known as the Shoah, was a tragic genocide where approximately six million Jews and five million other persons were systematically killed by the Nazi regime and its collaborators between 1939 and 1945; and*

*WHEREAS, the legacy of the Holocaust provides occasion to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and*

*WHEREAS, we should remain forever vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and*

*WHEREAS, in a time of increased anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial we should be ever more vigilant in ensuring that students are educated about these crimes against humanity; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States Congress has established the Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust, as the time set aside to honor all its victims, survivors, and liberators, and as a reflection on the importance of dignity and respect for all persons; and*

*WHEREAS, we echo the words of Sir Nicholas Winston, who rescued 669 Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Europe: "Do not be content in your life just to do no wrong, be prepared every day to try and do some good";*

*Therefore, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, the period between April 20, 2020 and April 24, 2020 as*

### **HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of April, 2020*



*Jared Polis*  
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Governor