



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 elevated antisemitism in the wake of the October 7, 2023 massacre and the war between Israel and Hamas, we should be ever more vigilant in ensuring that students of all ages are educated about antisemitism and 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 people; and

WHEREAS, Governor Polis signed a proclamation of the State of Colorado's official condemnation of antisemitism last year; and

WHEREAS, we echo the words of Elie Wiesel who said, "Action is the only remedy to indifference: the most insidious danger of all.";

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period of time between May 5 and May 11, 2024 as

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this fifth day of May, 2024



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor