

# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945—six million Jews were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

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

**WHEREAS**, we should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny, and we should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has designated “Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses” as the theme for the 2014 observance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize April 27-May 4, 2014 as**

## **DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE**

throughout Ohio in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators. Furthermore, as the citizens of the state of Ohio, we should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

On this 27th day of April, 2014;



John R. Kasich  
Governor



Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

