



2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

April 16, 2025 - Introduced by Senators CABRAL-GUEVARA, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, JACQUE, JAGLER, MARKLEIN, NASS, RATCLIFF, ROYS and TOMCZYK, cosponsored by Representatives PENTERMAN, TUSLER, SUBECK, BARE, CALLAHAN, CLANCY, DESMIDT, DITTRICH, EMERSON, FRANKLIN, GUNDRUM, HONG, KAUFERT, KNODL, KREIBICH, MADISON, MIRESE, MOSES, MURPHY, MURSAU, O'CONNOR, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PHELPS, RODRIGUEZ, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, STEFFEN, STUBBS and UDELL. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming April 24, 2025, to be Holocaust Remembrance Day and April 27, 2025, to May 4, 2025, as Holocaust Days of Remembrance in Wisconsin.

Whereas, from 1933 to 1945, 6 million Jews were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators in the Holocaust as part of a systematic program of persecution culminating in genocide, and millions of other people were targeted and killed; and

Whereas, Jews who fell under German control in Eastern and Central Europe were quickly and cruelly stripped of their rights and property; and

Whereas, the Jews who were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators comprised two-thirds of the European Jewish population, and in Poland, which before the second World War included parts of modern-day Ukraine and Belarus, the Jewish death toll was 90 percent; and

Whereas, the Holocaust represents a dark period in the history of civilization

of mankind and must always be remembered in order to prevent its reoccurrence and promote respect and common humanity; and

Whereas, Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, which commemorates the millions of Jewish victims of the Holocaust, was established by the Israeli parliament, the Knesset, in 1951. It is observed on the 27th of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar, which marks the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising; and

Whereas, the year 2025 marks the 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau; and

Whereas, remembrance ceremonies are held throughout the United States and around the world to remember the tragedy of the Holocaust, including at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., in the halls of the United Nations in New York City, and here in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, following the recent acts of hatred and violence against the Jewish Community, it is critical that we stand together to combat and educate about the dangers of antisemitism and all forms of hate and bigotry in our communities and across this State, so we ensure that suffering on the scale of the Holocaust truly never does happen again; and

Whereas, knowing that the events and root causes of the Holocaust must not be forgotten and that, particularly as survivors diminish in number, links must be forged to educate future generations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature formally recognizes April 24, 2025, to be Holocaust Remembrance Day and April 27, 2025, to May 4, 2025, as Holocaust Days of Remembrance in

Wisconsin in order to raise public awareness about the Holocaust and its impact on world history and our shared humanity.

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