

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4642, by Representative Senn

1 WHEREAS, On Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, we  
2 remember the six million Jews who perished in the systematic  
3 persecution of the Jewish people in Europe; and

4 WHEREAS, Alongside the Jewish people, millions of other innocent  
5 victims, including persons with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals,  
6 Roma, and others, were systematically murdered by the Nazis and their  
7 collaborators in one of the most heinous campaigns in human history;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, This horrible act against humanity caused the Jewish  
10 community to lose their familial lineage, caused a generational  
11 deprivation of people's Jewish identity, and created  
12 multigenerational trauma; and

13 WHEREAS, We stand in solidarity with the Jewish people and  
14 remember the victims, survivors, and liberators, many within our own  
15 Washington communities, who, having borne witness to the depths of  
16 evil, remind us of the vital refrain: "Never Again"; and

17 WHEREAS, We must ensure the horrors of the Holocaust can never be  
18 erased from our collective memory in order to prevent a tragedy like  
19 the Holocaust from happening again; and

20 WHEREAS, As in recent years in the state of Washington the rise  
21 of antisemitism and acts of discrimination has risen affecting  
22 countless people and generations of Washingtonians, each citizen of  
23 the state should never forget the urgency to speak out whenever they

1 witness antisemitism or any form of ethnic and religious hatred,  
2 racism, homophobia, or xenophobia, for silence is complicity; and

3 WHEREAS, We reiterate the importance of teaching about the  
4 Holocaust and gratefully acknowledge the valuable resource in the  
5 Holocaust Center for Humanity and its trove of local survivor  
6 speakers and stories; and

7 WHEREAS, We should never forget the horrors governments can  
8 foment when they endorse policies fueled by hatred and allow the  
9 dehumanization of people to continue; and

10 WHEREAS, Pursuant to an Act of Congress, the United States  
11 Holocaust Memorial Council designated the Days of Remembrance of the  
12 victims of the Holocaust to be Monday, April 17th at sundown through  
13 Tuesday, April 18th at sundown, including the Day of Remembrance,  
14 known as Yom HaShoah;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House  
16 of Representatives recognize April 17, 2023, through April 18, 2023,  
17 as Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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