

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4642, by Representatives Senn, Fosse, Taylor, Fitzgibbon, Santos, Callan, Pollet, Leavitt, Orwall, Stearns, Ryu, Hutchins, Reeves, Mena, Paul, Walen, Robertson, Eslick, Goehner, Goodman, and Macri

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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