

SENATE RESOLUTION

8624

By Senators C. Wilson, Wellman, Conway, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Salomon, Torres, Valdez, and Wagoner

1 WHEREAS, On Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, we  
2 recognize the victims and survivors of Nazi Germany's heinous  
3 persecution and attempt to eliminate Jewish people across Europe; and

4 WHEREAS, The Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis and  
5 their collaborators comprised two-thirds of the European Jewry; and

6 WHEREAS, The year 2023 marks the 90th anniversary of the  
7 beginning of the genocide of European Jews, one of the darkest  
8 moments in our history; and

9 WHEREAS, Many Washington residents, present and former, had to  
10 bear witness to the violent elimination of their family and friends  
11 during the Holocaust, and live with those scars everyday; and

12 WHEREAS, It is important that generations, current and future,  
13 are taught about these actions so that the stories of the survivors  
14 are never lost, and education is the only way to prevent such actions  
15 from happening again; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council has  
17 designated Sunday, April 16, 2023, through Sunday, April 23, 2023, as  
18 Holocaust Remembrance week and Tuesday, April 18, 2023, as Holocaust  
19 Remembrance Day; and

20 WHEREAS, The senate recognize that it is important to remember  
21 the sacrifices of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust to stand  
22 up and speak out in the face of religious and ethnic persecution,

1 racism, homophobia, xenophobia, and all other forms of bigotry  
2 and hatred; and

3 WHEREAS, The People of Washington state must unify behind  
4 love and community over hatred and bigotry to create a stronger  
5 state, country, and world that serves every one of us here and  
6 those yet to come;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state  
8 senate join the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in  
9 observing Sunday, April 16, 2023, through Sunday, April 23,  
10 2023, as Holocaust Remembrance week and Tuesday, April 18, 2023,  
11 designated as Holocaust Remembrance Day.

12 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,  
13 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
14 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8624,  
15 adopted by the Senate  
16 April 18, 2023

17 SARAH BANNISTER  
18 Secretary of the Senate