

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and murder of six million European Jews and millions of homosexuals, the handicapped, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents; and

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

WHEREAS, the citizens of Vermont should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside by the people of the state of Vermont to remember victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 1-8, A.D. 2011 as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in Vermont in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, and further proclaim that citizens of Vermont should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever it occurs.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of April, A.D. 2011.

/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/
Alexandra MacLean
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs