

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945—six million Jews were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

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

WHEREAS, the people of Vermont will 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 for the people of Vermont to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 12, through Sunday, April 19, 2014, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 16, 2015

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 12- April 19, 2015 as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

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

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 7th day of April, A.D. 2015



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Shumlin", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor