NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

APRIL 28, 2022

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, 6 million Jews were murdered; Roma, people with disabilities and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic or national reasons; and millions more, including those who are gay and lesbian, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS, learning how and why the Holocaust happened is an important component of education for all Americans to learn about the importance of safeguarding individual freedoms and building a just society for all its people; and the United States is committed to promoting Holocaust education as a means for countries around the world to understand the importance of democratic principles, the use and abuse of power and to raise awareness about the importance of genocide prevention today; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 years after the conclusion of World War II, the decreasing number of eyewitnesses and the growing distance from the history makes it vital to provide education about the events of the Holocaust and its lessons about the moral responsibilities of individuals, governments and all sectors of society; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day is a time for North Dakotans to remember the victims of the Holocaust and learn about the danger of what can happen when hate goes unchallenged and when oppression is met with indifference.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 28, 2022, HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

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