

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

APRIL 18, 2023

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 6 million Jews were murdered as the primary victims of the Holocaust along with millions of other racial, ethnic, national and gender minorities who suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS, more than 75 years after the conclusion of World War II, 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 all nations 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, Israel is an internationally recognized nation considered to be the ancestral homeland of the Jewish people, founded in the wake of WWII; and Israel remains a valuable partner to North Dakota and the United States, and North Dakota is committed to strengthening our relationship with Israel, including working with Israeli businesses; and

WHEREAS, data shows that Jewish people around the world continue to be a targeted minority and are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victims of incidents of hate; and

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), by consensus vote of its member states, adopted a Working Definition of Antisemitism in May 2016, which has become the internationally recognized, authoritative definition for use by governments and international organizations; and

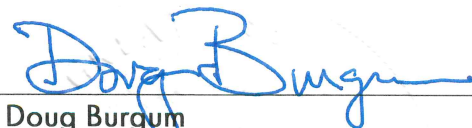
WHEREAS, North Dakota recognizes and supports the IHRA definition of antisemitism which reads in full: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism is an evil that threatens not only those of the Jewish faith, but all people, irrespective of creed or background; and to raise awareness surrounding the danger of antisemitism and the combating of hatred will take a bold act of unity by all people across the United States; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby condemn hatred toward the Jewish people in all its forms, adopt the IHRA working definition of antisemitism and proclaim April 18, 2023, **HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE