



— State of —  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE**  
APRIL 28 - MAY 5, 2019

**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**, the Days of Remembrance are 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; 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 in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators, and to promote human dignity and confront and reject hate.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 28 - May 5, 2019, **HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE** in the State of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State