

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

FOR THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE
VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

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

WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims—six million were murdered; Gypsies, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and

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

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Michigan should actively rededicate themselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the State of Michigan 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 April 27, 2008 through May 4, 2008, including the Day of Remembrance known as *Yom Hashoah*, May 2, 2008; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Board of Education hereby proclaim the week of April 27, 2008, through Sunday, May 4, 2008, as 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 be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Board of Education urge that the citizens of Michigan strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

Kathleen N. Straus, President

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Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and
Superintendent of Public Instruction

