

By Senator Sobel

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the week of April 12-19, 2015, as the "Days of Remembrance" and April 16, 2015, as "Holocaust Remembrance Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the Holocaust, the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, resulted in the murder of six million Jews, and

WHEREAS, in addition, Roma, also known as Gypsies, and Poles were targeted for decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons, and millions more, including persons with disabilities, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, 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, particularly to remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council was established, and the council has designated April 12 through April 19, 2015, as the "Days of Remembrance" for the victims of the Holocaust, including "Holocaust Remembrance Day," known as Yom HaShoah, on April 16, 2015, and

WHEREAS, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, in honor of its survivors, and in utmost gratitude for the risks taken by rescuers and liberators, the residents of this state are encouraged to rededicate themselves to the principles of

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30 human dignity and individual freedom in a just society, thereby
31 ensuring that such atrocities are never repeated, NOW,
32 THEREFORE,
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34 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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36 That the week of April 12-19, 2015, is recognized as the
37 "Days of Remembrance," and April 16, 2015, is recognized as
38 "Holocaust Remembrance Day" in Florida.