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## A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Holocaust Remembrance Day; creating s. 683.196, F.S.; requiring the Governor to proclaim a specified day of each year as "Holocaust Remembrance Day"; requiring such day to be observed in public schools and by public exercises as the Governor may designate; requiring educational instruction to be provided; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, although it has been over 77 years since the Holocaust, anti-Semitism and unfounded hatred for the Jewish people continue throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, millions of Jews, Soviet civilians, and persons with disabilities were murdered during the Holocaust, as well as persons being targeted for their ethnicity, religion, political beliefs, and sexual orientation, and

WHEREAS, Kristallnacht was seen as the catalyst to the Holocaust, when Nazi leaders unleashed a series of pogroms against the Jewish population in Germany and recently incorporated territories, and caused the destruction of Jewishowned businesses, synagogues, and homes, and

WHEREAS, the history of anti-Semitism and its ongoing effects are still impacting the Jewish communities in the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 683.196, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

683.196 Holocaust Remembrance Day.-

- (1) In honor of the millions of victims killed in the Holocaust, the Governor shall annually proclaim the first weekday in Holocaust Education Week under s. 1003.42(2)(g)2. to be "Holocaust Remembrance Day," which day shall be suitably observed in the public schools of the state, and which day shall otherwise be suitably observed by such public exercises in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor may designate.
- (2) If the first weekday of Holocaust Education Week falls on a day which is not a school day, Holocaust Remembrance Day shall be observed in the public schools on the following school day or on such school day as may be designated by local school authorities.
- (3) Instruction about the harmful impacts of the Holocaust and anti-Semitism on humanity, and the positive impacts of the Jewish community on humanity, shall be provided as part of public school instruction on Holocaust Remembrance Day.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.