State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

AND

HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION DAY

2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewish citizens and other groups of people by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933-1945; and

WHEREAS, six million Jewish citizens were killed; gypsies, handicapped, people of Slavic descent and other ethnic and disenfranchised groups were also targeted for destruction; millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents also suffered oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina and communities across our nation became the homeland to Holocaust survivors who, having deep appreciation of freedom and opportunity, greatly contributed to the culture and strength of their adopted land; and

WHEREAS, because the State of North Carolina remains dedicated to the principles of equality and justice, Days of Remembrance have been set aside for citizens of North Carolina to remember the inhumanity perpetrated during the Holocaust, and to reflect upon the need for respect for all people; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust and the International Day of Remembrance, Yom HaShoah; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance, the State of North Carolina joins our nation and communities across the globe in a week of remembrance and commemoration of the Holocaust to prevent tragedies like this from happening again, and in honor of its victims, survivors and liberators;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2015 as **"NORTH CAROLINA HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION DAY"**; April 12-19, 2015 as **"DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST"**; and April 16, 2014, as "**YOM HaSHOAH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this Twenty-second day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

PAT McCRORY
Governor