

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing January 27, 2022, as International Holocaust  
2 Remembrance Day.

3           WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and  
4 annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and  
5 1945 – six million Jews were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and  
6 Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national  
7 reasons; and millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet  
8 prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death  
9 under Nazi tyranny; and

10          WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the  
11 moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

12          WHEREAS, we the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky should always  
13 remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred,  
14 persecution, and tyranny; and

15          WHEREAS, we the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky should actively  
16 rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

17          WHEREAS, International Holocaust Remembrance Day has been set aside for the  
18 people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to remember the victims of the Holocaust as  
19 well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

20          WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution  
21 60/7 to designate January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day (IHRD) to  
22 correspond with the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and it is meant  
23 to honor the victims of Nazism and to condemn all forms of "religious intolerance,  
24 incitement, harassment or violence against persons or communities based on ethnic origin  
25 or religious belief" throughout the world;

26          NOW, THEREFORE,

27          *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*

1 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

2       ➔Section 1. The members of the House hereby recognize January 27, 2022, as  
3 International Holocaust Remembrance Day, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust  
4 and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim  
5 that we, as citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, should work to promote human  
6 dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.