
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 256 Session of
2015

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APRIL 15, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 16, 2015, as "Holocaust Remembrance Day" in
2 Pennsylvania in commemoration of the millions of innocent
3 victims of Nazi atrocities.

4 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic
5 persecution and annihilation of the European Jewry by Nazi
6 Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, during
7 which time six million Jews were murdered; and

8 WHEREAS, Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities and Poles
9 were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial,
10 ethnic or national reasons, and millions more, including
11 homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and
12 political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and

1 death under Nazi tyranny; and

2 WHEREAS, The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity
3 to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals,
4 societies and governments; and

5 WHEREAS, The residents of this Commonwealth should always
6 remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain
7 vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

8 WHEREAS, The residents of this Commonwealth should actively
9 rededicate themselves to the principles of individual freedom in
10 a just society; and

11 WHEREAS, "Holocaust Remembrance Day" has been set aside for
12 the residents of this Commonwealth to remember the victims of
13 the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of
14 all peoples; and

15 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Public Law 96-388, the United States
16 Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Day of Remembrance
17 known as Yom Hashoah to be April 16, 2015; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
19 16, 2015, as "Holocaust Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania in
20 commemoration of the millions of innocent victims of Nazi
21 atrocities.