



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: During the Nazi era, from 1933 to 1945, six million Jews, including one million children, and five million non-Jewish civilians and prisoners of war, were murdered by Nazi Germany in the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS: The history of the Holocaust provides the opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments in our world, and to overcome prejudice and inhumanity through tolerance, understanding, learning, and remembrance; and

WHEREAS: Through Resolution, the General Assembly of the United Nations has adopted International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a day to remember the victims of the Holocaust and honor the courage and dedication shown by soldiers and others who liberated the concentration camps where the Holocaust occurred; and

WHEREAS: On Holocaust Remembrance Day and every day, the State of Minnesota and its citizens remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and honor the victims and the 16 million Americans and 236,000 Minnesotans who served in the United States military during the Second World War, whose bravery and sacrifice were instrumental in ending the loss of life of innocent civilians; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota remains vigilant in the stand against hatred, persecution, and tyranny, and is dedicated to the principles of individual freedom in a just society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2013, as:

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 11th day of January.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE