

**BY:** M. of A. Lavine

**COMMEMORATING** the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day in the State of New York on April 23, 2025

**WHEREAS,** From 1933 to 1945, 5.8 million Jews were murdered in the Nazi Holocaust as a part of a systematic program of genocide, and millions of other people also perished as victims of Nazism; and

**WHEREAS,** Jews who fell under German control in Eastern and Central Europe were quickly stripped of their rights and property; and

**WHEREAS,** The Jews who perished at Nazi hands comprised two-thirds of all European Jewry, and in countries such as Poland, which before the Second World War included parts of the Ukraine and Belarus, the Jewish death toll surpassed 90 percent; and

**WHEREAS,** The People of the State of New York should always remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that such horrors are never repeated; and

**WHEREAS,** Those who survived the killing camps tell us that as many people walked to their deaths, their last words were "remember us"; and

**WHEREAS,** The year 2025 marks the 92nd Anniversary of the beginning of the genocide of European Jews- the darkest, most murderous moment in history; and

**WHEREAS,** We learn in the aftermath of the Holocaust that indifference to genocide cannot be tolerated; Holocaust remembrance imposes a moral obligation to speak out; and

**WHEREAS,** The Holocaust represents the darkest period in the civilization of mankind and must always be remembered to prevent its reoccurrence anywhere else in the world; and

**WHEREAS,** The People of the State of New York should continually rededicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all people; and

**WHEREAS,** The People of the State of New York should remain eternally vigilant against all tyranny and recognize that bigotry provides a breeding ground for tyranny to flourish; and

**WHEREAS,** Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Hebrew as Yom HaShoah, is a day set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding New Yorkers, all Americans, and all people around the world of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred, and indifference reign; and

**WHEREAS,** Internationally, Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed on

the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar, which this year falls on Wednesday, April 23, 2025; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day in the State of New York on April 23, 2025; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York; and The Blue Card.