

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing January 27, 2023, 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, rising antisemitism reminds all of us of our moral responsibility to
13 learn from the past and stand against hate; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Holocaust remembrance events will take place across the
20 Commonwealth, including Holocaust Education and Remembrance Week at the
21 University of Kentucky; and

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

25 WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution
26 60/7 to designate January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day (IHRD) to
27 correspond with the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and it is meant

1 to honor the victims of Nazism and to condemn all forms of "religious intolerance,
2 incitement, harassment or violence against persons or communities based on ethnic origin
3 or religious belief" throughout the world;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
6 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby recognize
8 January 27, 2023, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, in memory of the
9 victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and
10 liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky,
11 should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it
12 occurs.