

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust
2 Remembrance Day.

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

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

8 WHEREAS, we the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky should always
9 remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred,
10 persecution, and tyranny; and

11 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the October 7, 2023, atrocities, the bloodiest day in
12 Jewish history since the Holocaust, and after the Sydney Menorah Massacre, where 15
13 people were murdered at a celebration of Chanukah, we are reminded of the vow, "Never
14 Again"; and

15 WHEREAS, rising antisemitism in the United States makes clear the need for
16 continued vigilance and dedication to the principles of individual freedom in a just
17 society; and

18 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Jewish Council's annual report on antisemitism makes
19 clear our need to combat antisemitism here in the Commonwealth; and

20 WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005, the United Nations General Assembly adopted
21 Resolution 60/7 to designate January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day 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 of Representatives hereby recognize
3 January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, in memory of the
4 victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and
5 liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky,
6 should work to promote human dignity and confront antisemitism and hate whenever and
7 wherever it occurs.