

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: *Known as the Holocaust, the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry was carried out by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and*

WHEREAS: *While those of Jewish heritage were the primary victims with six million murdered, Gypsies, the disabled and people of Slavic descent were also targeted for extermination because of racial and ethnic reasons; and*

WHEREAS: *Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents, also suffered oppression and/or death under Nazi tyranny; and*

WHEREAS: *The United States, including Arkansas, became a homeland to Holocaust survivors who, having deep appreciation for the freedom and opportunities afforded by this Nation and State, have greatly contributed to the culture and strength of their adopted homeland; and*

WHEREAS: *A Day of Remembrance has been set aside for the people of our State to remember the inhumanity perpetrated upon the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to reflect upon the need to respect all people; and*

WHEREAS: *The people of Arkansas should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and must remain vigilant against bigotry and tyranny; and*

WHEREAS: *It is of utmost importance to continually rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality and justice; and*

WHEREAS: *Pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 12 through Sunday, April 19, 2015, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, on April 16, 2015;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim April 12 through 19, 2015, as

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*across the State, in memory of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, as well as their liberators, and further proclaim that, as citizens of the State of Arkansas, we will strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2015.



*Asa Hutchinson*  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

*Mark Martin*  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State