

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 833 Session of 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 29, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 2 through 8, 2016, as "Days of Remembrance of
2 the Victims of the Holocaust" and May 5, 2016, as "Holocaust
3 Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic
5 persecution and annihilation of the European Jewry by Nazi
6 Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, during
7 which time 6 million Jews were murdered; and

8 WHEREAS, Roma (Gypsies), persons with disabilities and Poles
9 were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial,
10 ethnic or national reasons; and

11 WHEREAS, Millions more persons, including gay men and women,
12 Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political
13 dissidents, suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi

1 tyranny; and

2 WHEREAS, The people of this Commonwealth should always
3 remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that such
4 horrors are never repeated; and

5 WHEREAS, The people of this Commonwealth should continually
6 rededicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The people of this Commonwealth should remain
9 vigilant against all tyranny and recognize that bigotry provides
10 a breeding ground for tyranny to flourish; and

11 WHEREAS, May 5, 2016, recognized in the Hebrew calendar as 27
12 Nisan 5776, has been designated internationally as a "Day of
13 Remembrance of Victims of the Nazi Holocaust" and is also known
14 as Yom Hashoah; and

15 WHEREAS, This date further coincides with the anniversary of
16 the Warsaw ghetto uprising in German-occupied Poland from April
17 19 through May 16, 1943; and

18 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the people of this
19 Commonwealth to join in the international commemoration of this
20 solemn event; and

21 WHEREAS, By marking this occasion in memory of the millions
22 of victims of the Holocaust, we hope to overcome prejudice and
23 inhumanity through education, vigilance and resistance;
24 therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 2
26 through 8, 2016, as "Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the
27 Holocaust" and May 5, 2016, as "Holocaust Remembrance Day" in
28 Pennsylvania.