



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Eighty years ago, Allied troops were wholly unprepared for the horrors awaiting them at the Nazi concentration camps. When they discovered these death camps, they laid eyes upon the unadulterated evil that left the blackest stains upon human history.

All told, more than six million Jews—and millions of others, including ethnic minorities, political dissidents, and the disabled—perished in what is now known as the Holocaust. This attempt to eradicate entire segments of the population is among the most barbarous projects ever undertaken by a government; if we are to prevent similar injustices from happening again, we must keep the painful memory of the Holocaust alive and grapple with its meaning.

When Allies began liberating the concentration camps, leaders such as General Eisenhower meticulously documented their findings, thus creating a robust record for posterity. In addition to documents, photographs, and films, we have at our disposal the heartrending tales of survivors. We, in turn, are bound by duty and conscience to hear the voices that still cry out to us from the pages of history.

With each passing year, we are further separated from these heinous events, and the day will inevitably come when there are no remaining Holocaust survivors. But we cannot allow the memory of the Holocaust to fade with time. We must proactively and intentionally remember the Holocaust and do everything in our power to protect ourselves and our world from its recurrence. Since 1945, leaders from every corner of the globe and of every ideology have taken up a singular refrain: never again. Today, we recognize that mankind has the potential for both extraordinary good and unfathomable evil, and we hold the power to choose which path we will take.

Each year, people from all walks of life observe Holocaust Remembrance Week through classroom campaigns, public ceremonies, and religious observances. At this time, I urge my fellow Texans to meaningfully consider this bleak chapter of history by studying historical sources, listening to firsthand accounts, or visiting one of Texas' museums or memorials. During this observance and hereafter, may the stories of Holocaust victims strengthen our commitment to human dignity—and when evil presents itself, may we combat it with mind, body, and soul.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 27–31, 2025, to be

## **Holocaust Remembrance Week**

in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 27th day of January, 2025.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

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Governor of Texas