

Ron DESantis Governor

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK IN FLORIDA

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

WHEREAS, we also commemorate other victims of the Nazi regime who suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

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

WHEREAS, we the people of the state of Florida should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny, and actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Education Week as part of Florida's House Bill 1213 (2020), Educational Instruction of Historical Events, provides Floridians with a valuable opportunity to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need to respect all peoples; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Education Week in Florida is an opportunity to honor the memory of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the State of Florida, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 9-13, 2020, as *Holocaust Education Week in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 9th day of November, in the year two thousand twenty.

Governor