

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 4, 2023

To remember, acknowledge and condemn the Holocaust and to declare April 17, 2023 as Yom Ha'Shoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day.

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was a dark period in human history between 1933 and 1945 marked by the systematic persecution and annihilation by Nazi Germany and their collaborators of six million Jews and another six million individuals targeted and victimized for their ethnicity, religious beliefs, disabilities, sexual orientation, political ideology, or nationality;

WHEREAS, it is our moral responsibility to educate future generations about the Holocaust and its devastating impact on the world, and to work towards creating a society that is free from prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination;

WHEREAS, April 17, 2023 marks Yom Ha'Shoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day, a solemn day of reflection and remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust and an opportunity for us to reaffirm our commitment to human rights and dignity;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia stands united in its condemnation of all forms of hatred, prejudice, and discrimination, and remains committed to promoting a culture of respect, understanding, and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington is hosting a Yom Ha'Shoah Commemoration on April 17, 2023 to honor the lives of those affected and to remember their courage and strength.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Holocaust Remembrance Day Recognition Resolution of 2023."

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Holocaust Remembrance Day and its significance in remembering the victims of the Holocaust and promoting the values of justice, equality, and human dignity.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.