

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing January 27, 2024, as International Holocaust
2 Remembrance Day.

3 WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and
4 attempted annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators
5 between 1933 and 1945 – six million Jews were murdered; and

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

8 WHEREAS, we the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky should always
9 remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred,
10 persecution, and tyranny; and

11 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the October 7, 2023, atrocities, the bloodiest day in
12 Jewish history since the Holocaust, we are reminded of the vow Never Again; and

13 WHEREAS, rising antisemitism in the United States makes clear the need for
14 continued vigilance and dedication to the principles of individual freedom in a just
15 society; and

16 WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution
17 60/7 to designate January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day to correspond
18 with the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and it is meant to honor the
19 victims of Nazism and to condemn all forms of "religious intolerance, incitement,
20 harassment or violence against persons or communities based on ethnic origin or
21 religious belief" throughout the world;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
24 ***Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize January 27, 2024, as
26 International Holocaust Remembrance Day, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust
27 and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim

- 1 that we, as citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, should work to promote human
- 2 dignity and confront antisemitism and hate whenever and wherever it occurs.