Executive Order No. 22-01
Holocaust Remembrance Day in Nebraska

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was a systematic, state-led atrocity in which six million Jewish women, men, and children were murdered by the Nazi regime and its accomplices;

WHEREAS, while those murdered were overwhelmingly Jewish, members of non-Jewish groups were also systemically persecuted and killed on account of their racial identity, political beliefs, religion, or nationality;

WHEREAS, the evil and depravity of the crimes against humanity committed during the Holocaust are a cause of unspeakable sorrow;

WHEREAS, victims of the Holocaust, many of whom survived, displayed unimaginable fortitude, resilience, and faith;

WHEREAS, the Nebraska State Holocaust Memorial is located at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln. The Memorial features a 16-foot high “Star of Remembrance” depicting the stages of the Nazi’s crimes against humanity. The Memorial’s “Wall of Remembrance” has pictures of Holocaust victims and images of the suffering they experienced. The Wall also contains plaques naming Nebraska-based military members who helped liberate individuals being held in Nazi-run concentration camps;

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution to designate January 27th as an International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust;

WHEREAS, in May 2020, President Donald J. Trump signed into law the “Never Again Education Act” to equip teachers with resources and training to educate American students about the Holocaust and the importance of preventing genocide; and

WHEREAS, Nebraskans mourn the Holocaust and are committed to transmitting its history and lessons to future generations.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Foley, Acting Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, do hereby order:

1.) January 27, 2022, is proclaimed as “Holocaust Remembrance Day” in Nebraska;

2.) Every January 27th into perpetuity shall be proclaimed as “Holocaust Remembrance Day” in Nebraska;

3.) This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 27th day of January, 2022.

Attest:

Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska