

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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House Concurrent Resolution No. 48

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, from 1933 to 1945, six million Jews and millions of others were murdered
2 in the Holocaust as part of a structured, state-sanctioned program of genocide and millions of
3 other people suffered as victims of Nazism, such as the disabled, political dissidents, and many
4 others for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, those who liberated the Nazi concentration camps, some of whom lost their
7 lives and others of whom have experienced lifelong emotional suffering, hold an honored place
8 in our history; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, those who survived the killing camps tell us that as many people walked
11 to their deaths, their last words were "Remember us"; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, it is important to remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that
14 such horrors are never repeated and the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect
15 on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Hebrew as Yom HaShoah, is a
18 day set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding people around the
19 world of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred, and indifference reign; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, internationally, Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed on the 15th day
22 of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar, which this year falls on Thursday, April 8, 2021; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, over seven hundred Holocaust survivors later made Missouri their home;
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27 **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to join in this international commemoration, marking 76
28 years since the end of World War II and the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death
29 camps:

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31 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
32 Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
33 concurring therein, hereby declare April 8, 2021, "Holocaust Remembrance Day" in the state of
34 Missouri; that we pause in our deliberations in solemn memory of the victims of the Holocaust
35 and in honor of the survivors, rescuers, and liberators; that we urge one and all to recommit
36 themselves to the lessons of the Holocaust through the international week of commemoration;
37 and that we express our common desire to continually strive to overcome prejudice and
38 inhumanity through education, vigilance, and resistance; and

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
41 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the St.
42 Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum and the United States Holocaust Memorial Council
43 in Washington, D.C. in honor of their mission to use the history and lessons of the Holocaust to
44 reject hatred, promote understanding, and inspire change.

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