



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The Holocaust was one of the darkest moments in history. Millions of people of Jewish heritage and many others were persecuted and systematically put to death by Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945. Countless others suffered intense oppression and unspeakable indignities under the Nazi regime due to their ethnicity, religion, and beliefs. These acts were truly unconscionable, and, while they are painful, we must remember them in order to prevent similar events from ever occurring again.

To help future generations remember, I signed into law Senate Bill 1828 during the 86th Texas Legislature to establish Holocaust Remembrance Week in Texas public schools. This week is dedicated to educating students about the Holocaust and their responsibility to recognize and uphold human dignity.

It is important for young Texans to learn about the Holocaust and the great collective resilience that followed in the wake of intolerance and injustice. We do this by honoring the lives that were lost and the heroes who defended the persecuted at great personal peril. We must affirm the importance of preserving freedom and standing against genocide, whenever and wherever it occurs, at home or around the globe.

At this time, I encourage all Texans including educators, students, and families to deepen their understanding of this horrendous tragedy in our history and to examine the lessons we have learned from the Holocaust. As the next generation grows and learns, let us remind them that the power to end violence and persecution resides within them.

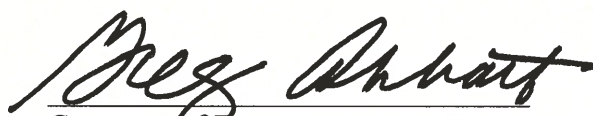
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 27-31, 2020, to be

Holocaust Remembrance Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
2nd day of October, 2019.


Governor of Texas