

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

WHEREAS: The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Jews, with six million murdered, were the primary victims; Gypsies, Poles and the handicapped were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic or national reasons; and

WHEREAS: In 2004 we commemorate the 61st year of the heroic struggle of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto against the dark forces of Nazi Germany, a struggle for freedom that reflects this nation's ideals; and

WHEREAS: This struggle, a symbol of our nation's and Georgia's heritage, taught us to remain vigilant against bigotry and tyranny and rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality and justice for all; and

WHEREAS: The Days of Remembrance have been set aside to remember the inhumanity of those who perpetrated the Holocaust, as well as to reflect upon our own humanity and the need for respect toward all people; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 18-25, 2004 as DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE in memory of the victims and in honor of the survivors, rescuers and liberators of the Holocaust and urge all citizens to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand four.

