

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

Senator Moss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize April 23-24, 2025, as Holocaust
2 Remembrance Day.

3 Whereas, The horrors of the Holocaust should never be
4 forgotten. The Holocaust was the state-sponsored systematic
5 persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and
6 its collaborators from 1933-1945; and

7 Whereas, The Holocaust resulted in the extermination of six
8 million Jews and their potential decedents. The world's Jewish
9 population was reduced by one-third; and

10 Whereas, Poland, home to the largest Jewish community before
11 World War II, lost 90 percent of its Jewish population. Greece,
12 Yugoslavia, Hungary, Lithuania, Bohemia, the Netherlands, Slovakia,
13 and Latvia each lost more than 70 percent of their Jewish
14 population; and

1 Whereas, Millions more suffered grievous oppression and death
2 under Nazi tyranny based on their religion, including Catholic
3 priests, Christian pastors, and Jehovah's Witnesses; their national
4 origin, including Poles, Soviets, Ukrainians and Sorbs; their
5 ethnicity and culture, including the Romani people; their
6 political beliefs, including courageous resisters and government
7 dissidents; their physical appearance, including those with
8 disabilities; and their sexual orientation and gender identity; and

9 Whereas, The same conspiracies, hatred, and acts of cruelty
10 against Jews still persist today. The Anti-Defamation League's most
11 recent report tracked that antisemitic incidents increased 140
12 percent, including an increase in assaults by 45 percent,
13 harassment by 184 percent, and acts of vandalism by 69 percent.
14 This data amounts to the highest level of antisemitism in the 45
15 years these incidents have been tracked, as well as a significant
16 increase over 2022 which set the previous record for antisemitic
17 incidents; and

18 Whereas, The history of the Holocaust must instruct the moral
19 and ethical responsibilities of individuals, societies, and
20 government when confronting antisemitism. It serves as an important
21 reminder of what can happen when we allow bigotry, hatred, and
22 indifference to enter and conquer our societies in moments of peril
23 for Jewish populations. These lessons must not expire; and

24 Whereas, The state of Michigan, through PA 170 of 2016,
25 requires that the social studies curriculum for grades 8 to 12
26 includes age- and grade-appropriate instruction about genocide so
27 students learn about past atrocities, factually and
28 comprehensively. This education provides future generations the
29 tools to ensure the evils in history are not repeated; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
3 body recognize April 23-24, 2025, as Holocaust Remembrance Day; and
4 be it further

5 Resolved, That in honor of the victims of the Holocaust, the
6 survivors, and their liberators, the citizens of Michigan should
7 reflect upon this terrible event and strive to overcome hatred and
8 intolerance through both learning and remembrance.