

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **MARYLAND HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

- WHEREAS,** *The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of six million Jews in Europe by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Roma, people with disabilities, and Poles were targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments, to commemorate victims, and to honor survivors, rescuers, and liberators; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Sharing the truth about the Holocaust, condemning genocide and antisemitism, and confronting hate and tyranny in our daily lives is essential to building a more peaceful and just society; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We the people of the State of Maryland should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of human dignity, individual freedom, and religious tolerance.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as MARYLAND HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY and call upon the people of our state to join in this observance.**

*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January  
Two Thousand and twenty-four*



*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Oruna Miller*  
Lt. Governor

*Susan C. Lee*  
Secretary of State