

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

**YOM HASHOAH  
MAY 6, 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 share the stories of the lives who were taken and to honor survivors, rescuers, and liberators; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Sharing the truth about the Holocaust, condemning genocide and antisemitism, and confronting hate and tyranny wherever it may arise so that we see a world where such tragedy is never allowed to happen again; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We the people of the State of Maryland must bear witness to the atrocities of the Holocaust and stand in solidarity in actively rededicating 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 MAY 6, 2024, as YOM HASHOAH 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of May  
Two Thousand and twenty-four

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Oruna Miller*

Lt. Governor

*Susan C. Lee*

Secretary of State