

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 00-1029

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also SENATOR Perlmutter.

CONCERNING THE DECLARATION OF HOLOCAUST AWARENESS WEEK.

WHEREAS, Bigotry and hatred have initiated many bloody conflicts throughout history; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish people have been the target of prejudice and intolerance; and

WHEREAS, Anti-Semitism became ingrained in certain societies resulting in the Crusades, the Inquisition, and the pogroms in Eastern Europe; and

WHEREAS, The ramifications of the Treaty of Versailles on the German economy led to the election of a tyrant; and

WHEREAS, This oppressive political leader grossly abused his power and took advantage of the German citizens' need for a scapegoat and a long-standing tradition of anti-Semitism; and

WHEREAS, All of these factors contributed to the pain, suffering, persecution, and death during the Second World War, allowing for the systematic annihilation of the Jewish people as well as Gypsies, political dissidents, the mentally and physically disabled, and homosexuals; and

WHEREAS, The world's nations have not yet learned all that they could from the Holocaust, as demonstrated by ethnic cleansing and mass killings in China, Cambodia, Africa, and the Balkans; and

WHEREAS, One of the pillars of America is that we must protect the rights and identity of the individual; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that as Americans and Coloradans, we participate in both the local and national governmental processes; and

WHEREAS, It is the individual participation and the American system of checks and balances that prevents the misuse of power; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of parents, educators, the faith community, and the mass media to teach the Holocaust as a political and human tragedy; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

That we, the members of the Sixty-second General Assembly, remember the Holocaust, Yom HaShoah, by demonstrating leadership and encouraging Colorado's citizens to put an end to bigotry and prejudice and to strive for *tikkun olam* - to repair and improve the world.

Be It Further Resolved, That the week of May 1 through 7, 2000, is proclaimed "Holocaust Awareness Week".

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