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101 **CONCERNING THE PROCLAMATION OF HOLOCAUST AWARENESS**
102 **WEEK.**

1 WHEREAS, From 1933 to 1945 the Nazi regime engaged in the
2 internment and systematic annihilation of six million Jews, which
3 included one-half million children, twelve million people total; and

4 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a failure of the German people to
5 resist tyrannical oppression at the expense of basic, civilized, and humane
6 society; and

7 WHEREAS, The Holocaust ripped at the fabric of all European
8 communities, especially the Jewish community, and effectively destroyed
9 European Jewry; and

10 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was an example of government's
11 failure to protect individual rights; and

12 WHEREAS, Protecting the rights of individuals is a paramount
13 and essential role of government; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 WHEREAS, Many leaders stepped forward and exhibited positive
2 leadership under extremely adverse conditions such as the King of
3 Denmark and the leaders of Norway, Finland, and Sweden; and

4 WHEREAS, Individuals such as Oskar Schindler, Raoul
5 Wallenburg, and countless unrecognized others, also stood up against the
6 atrocities committed by the Nazis; and

7 WHEREAS, Even under the duress of the ghettos in Warsaw,
8 Vilna, Lublin, Lodz, and Prague, the people came together to maintain a
9 strong Jewish community, which included education, arts, human
10 services, and the aiding of the elderly and the poor; and

11 WHEREAS, The leadership of these communities, called the
12 Judenrat, were forced to make difficult life and death decisions and
13 created some semblance of positive governmental infrastructure in an
14 otherwise negative situation; and

15 WHEREAS, Anti-semitism and other forms of hatred and bigotry
16 are still prevalent in today's society; and

17 WHEREAS, State and local governments have the responsibility
18 to protect the citizens against hatred and bigotry and to set an example
19 with their leadership; now, therefore,

20 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third*
21 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*
22 *herein:*

23 That we, the members of the Sixty-third General Assembly,
24 commemorate the Holocaust, Yom HaShoah, and those people whose
25 lives were scarred, terrorized, and taken by Nazi Germany and its
26 collaborators, by recognizing the benefits of positive leadership within
27 our constituencies and the community at large, to combat bigotry, hatred,
28 prejudice, and injustice in the state of Colorado.

29 *Be It Further Resolved*, That the week of April 15 through 22,
30 2001, be proclaimed "Holocaust Awareness Week".