WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of Jews by Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, while Jews were the primary victims, gypsies, the handicapped, the Poles, 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 reminds us to reflect on the responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments in the face of great injustice; and

WHEREAS, annual Days of Remembrance provide an opportunity to remember the terrible events of the Holocaust, while reaffirming our dedication to remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, bigotry, and tyranny.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 27 – May 4, 2003, as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the memory of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, while striving to overcome intolerance and inhumanity.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA