

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we recall the six million lives lost during the most tragic genocide in modern history; and

WHEREAS, we must never forget the horrific events of the Holocaust and must teach them to our children; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism is an evil that threatens not only those who subscribe to the Jewish faith but all people, no matter creed or background; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identify, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive and disturbing problem in contemporary American society; and

WHEREAS, data shows that Jews are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate, and that such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, state officials and institutions have a responsibility to protect citizens from acts of hate and bigotry motivated by discriminatory animus, including antisemitism, and must be given the tools to do so; and

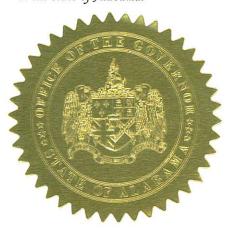
WHEREAS, on December 19, 2019, President Donald Trump signed an executive order adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism for the purposes of government agencies tasked with enforcing Title VI; and

WHEREAS, use of this definition of antisemitism, although it is not to be taken as an exhaustive definition, will increase awareness and understanding of the parameters of contemporary anti-Jewish discrimination in certain circumscribed areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2022, as

## International Holocaust Remembrance Day

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 5th day of January 2022.

Kay Ivey, Governor