

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 37.

A resolution to commemorate April 21, 2015, as Holocaust Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The horror of the Holocaust should never be forgotten; and

Whereas, The Holocaust was the state-sponsored systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators during the years 1933 through 1945. Six million Jews were murdered and millions more, including Gypsies, the handicapped, Poles, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

Whereas, Many decades have passed since the Holocaust came to an end, yet the trauma of this horrible event is still experienced by all who survived. Their numbers dwindle with each passing year, and it is up to others to keep the world aware and to firmly avow that the atrocities of the Holocaust will never be repeated; and

Whereas, The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments, and serves as an important reminder of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred, and indifference reign; and

Whereas, When the goodness of mankind was in question, there were individuals who selflessly risked their lives in order to save others from the evils of Nazi Germany; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate April 21, 2015, as Holocaust Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this legislative body remember the Holocaust and its many survivors and the bravery of those who fought to help the persecuted; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Jewish Conference as evidence of our profound respect and esteem.