

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Rep. Johnsen offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 27, 2025, as Holocaust
2 Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The Holocaust and all its victims will never be
4 forgotten. The Holocaust was the state-sponsored systematic
5 persecution, execution, and annihilation of European Jews by the
6 Nazi regime and its allies between 1933 and 1945. This atrocity,
7 which took the lives of more than six million Jews, reduced the
8 world's Jewish population by one-third; and

9 Whereas, It is a constant reminder of the dangers of tyranny
10 and authoritarianism in a free society; and

11 Whereas, Cruel atrocities such as forced sterilization,
12 isolation, torture, ostracization, murder, and unspeakable
13 brutality were carried out by a culture against their fellow human
14 beings; and

1 Whereas, Millions more suffered grievous oppression and death
2 under Nazi despotism based on their religious beliefs, their
3 national origin, their ethnicity and culture, their political
4 beliefs, including courageous resisters and government dissidents,
5 their physical appearance, and many more; and

6 Whereas, The history of the Holocaust allows us to remind
7 ourselves of the responsibilities we have as individuals,
8 societies, parents, and governments to remember the atrocities
9 committed in hatred and under the guise of bettering society. It
10 also serves as an important reminder of what can happen when we
11 allow bigotry and hatred to enter and dominate our societies and
12 our public discourse; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
14 this legislative body declare January 27, 2025, as Holocaust
15 Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

16 Resolved, That in honor of the victims of the Holocaust, the
17 survivors, and their liberators, the people of Michigan should
18 reflect upon and never forget this terrible event and strive to
19 overcome hatred through education and remembrance.