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Holocaust Memorial Day Act

S.C. (Statutes of Canada) 2003, c. 24

Assented to 2003-11-07

An Act to establish Holocaust Memorial Day

Preamble

WHEREAS the Holocaust refers to a specific event in history, namely, the deliberate and planned state-sponsored persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by the Nazis and their collaborators between 1933 and 1945;

WHEREAS six million Jewish men, women and children perished under this policy of hatred and genocide;

WHEREAS millions of others were victims of that policy because of their physical or mental disabilities, race, religion or sexual orientation;

WHEREAS the terrible destruction and pain of the Holocaust must never be forgotten;

WHEREAS systematic violence, genocide, persecution, racism and hatred continue to occur throughout the world;

WHEREAS the Parliament of Canada is committed to using legislation, education and example to protect Canadians from violence, racism and hatred and to stopping those who foster or commit crimes of violence, racism and hatred;

AND WHEREAS Yom ha-Shoah or the Day of the Holocaust, as determined in each year by the Jewish lunar calendar, is an opportune day to reflect on and educate about the enduring lessons of the Holocaust and to reaffirm a commitment to uphold human rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

Short Title

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as the *Holocaust Memorial Day Act* ([/eng/acts/H-5.4](#)).

Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day — Yom ha-Shoah

2 Yom ha-Shoah or the Day of the Holocaust, as determined in each year by the Jewish lunar calendar, is proclaimed as “Holocaust Memorial Day — Yom ha-Shoah”.

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