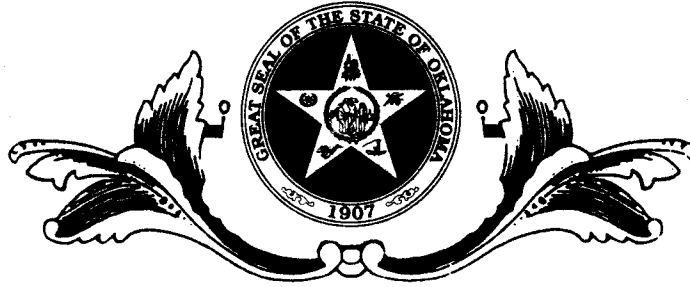


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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## Proclamation

**Whereas**, on International Holocaust Remembrance Day we recall the 6 million lives lost during the most tragic genocide in modern history. 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 the creed or background; and to raise awareness of antisemitism's danger and vanquish this hatred, it will take a bold act of unity by people all across the United States; and

**Whereas**, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem; and

**Whereas**, Jewish people continue to be a targeted minority in the United States. Data shows that Jews are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate, and such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

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

**Whereas**, while there can be no exhaustive definition of antisemitism, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism has been an essential definitional tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism, and includes useful examples of discriminatory anti-Israel acts that can cross the line into antisemitism; 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, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2022, as

**"Holocaust Remembrance Day"**

in the State of Oklahoma.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*



ATTEST:

*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this twenty-sixth day of January, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fourteenth year.*

*Bruce B. Babin*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Kevin Stitt*  
GOVERNOR

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