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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY AND
GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE ACT**

MR. STEVENS

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

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Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2000)

Preamble

WHEREAS the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewish men, women and children by the Nazis and their collaborators between 1933 and 1945, and this horrific event is part of our common history as citizens on this earth;

WHEREAS the Nazis and their collaborators murdered 6 million Jewish people, including more than a million children, during that time of persecution and death;

WHEREAS the Nazis and their collaborators also persecuted and murdered millions of other people because of their race, religion, level of physical or mental ability or sexual orientation;

WHEREAS, during World War II, Albertans bravely served as members of the Canadian Armed Forces, and many Albertans paid the ultimate price, their lives, to protect and preserve freedom and democracy;

WHEREAS “Shoah” is the Hebrew term for “Holocaust”;

WHEREAS it is fitting and right to observe Yom ha-Shoah, the Day of the Holocaust, as a day to remember the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and to honour those who fought to defeat tyranny and genocide;

WHEREAS this day provides Albertans with the opportunity:

- to look within themselves, reflect on the enduring lessons of the Holocaust and educate their children, their colleagues and their fellow citizens on the perils of hatred,

- to consider other times and incidents of systematic violence, genocide, persecution, racism and hatred that call out to us from the past or continue today, and
- to reaffirm their commitment to uphold the human rights of all and to value diversity and the multicultural richness of Alberta society;

WHEREAS on Yom ha-Shoah we will remember, for we must never forget;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Holocaust
Memorial Day
- Yom
ha-Shoah

1 Yom ha-Shoah, the Day of the Holocaust as determined in each year by the Jewish lunar calendar, is proclaimed as Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah.