

CHAPTER 2025-86

Senate Bill No. 356

An act relating to Holocaust Remembrance Day; creating s. 683.196, F.S.; requiring the Governor to proclaim a specified day annually as “Holocaust Remembrance Day”; authorizing “Holocaust Remembrance Day” to be observed in this state’s public schools and be observed by public exercise as the Governor may designate; providing construction; authorizing specified instruction; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, more than 79 years have passed since the Holocaust ended, yet anti-Semitism and unfounded hatred of Jews continues to spread throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, millions of Jews, Soviet civilians, and persons with disabilities were murdered during the Holocaust, as well as people targeted for their ethnicity, religion, political beliefs, and sexual orientation, and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and

WHEREAS, the tragedy of the Holocaust and the ongoing effects of anti-Semitism continue to impact Jewish communities in this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 683.196, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

683.196 Holocaust Remembrance Day.—

(1) In honor of the millions of victims killed in the Holocaust, the Governor shall annually proclaim January 27 to be “Holocaust Remembrance Day,” which may be observed in the public schools of this state and by public exercise at the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor may designate.

(2) If January 27 falls on a day that is not a school day, “Holocaust Remembrance Day” may be observed in the public schools on the following school day or as otherwise designated by the district school board having jurisdiction.

(3) Instruction on the harmful impacts of the Holocaust and anti-Semitism and the positive contributions of the Jewish community to humanity may be provided as part of the public school instruction on “Holocaust Remembrance Day.”

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor May 23, 2025.

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