

Introduced by the Finance Committee of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JANUARY 27, 2011 AS "INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST  
REMEMBRANCE DAY" IN INGHAM COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION #11-016**

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, the Holocaust involved the genocide of millions of innocent Jewish men, women, and children and other minorities throughout Europe; there was an enormity of suffering inflicted on the many survivors through mistreatment, brutalization, violence, torture, slave labor, involuntary medical experimentation, death marches, and numerous other acts of cruelty that have come to be known as "crimes against humanity"; and

WHEREAS, January 27 marks the anniversary of the [liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau](#), the largest Nazi death camp; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the United Nations General Assembly designated this day as International Holocaust Remembrance Day (IHRD), an annual day of commemoration to honor the victims of the Nazi era; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and citizens of Ingham County recognize that the horrors of the Holocaust should never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, in the past 65 years, the Holocaust has provided the people of the world with a critical lesson in the importance of compassion, caring, and kindness and has served as a reminder of the dangers inherent in bigotry, racism, and intolerance in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to honor the memory of all who lost their lives and all who have and continue to suffer as a result of the Holocaust.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby designates January 27, 2011 as "International Holocaust Remembrance Day" in Ingham County and encourages the citizens of Ingham County to commemorate the occasion through reflection, acts of compassionate caring, and learning about the terrible consequences and lessons of the Holocaust.

**FINANCE: Yeas:** Schor, Tsernoglou, Nolan, Bahar-Cook, McGrain, Dougan

**Nays:** None      **Absent:** None      **Approved 1/19/11**