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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY ACT

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CHAPTER H-6.1

PREAMBLE

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

AND WHEREAS six million Jewish Holocaust victims were murdered, and many others were murdered because of physical or mental disability, race, religion, political belief, or sexual orientation;

AND WHEREAS Canada, along with other Allied nations, took part in a prolonged armed struggle, costly in human life and human suffering, to defeat the inhumane regime of Nazism and its collaborators;

AND WHEREAS this struggle took the lives of many Prince Edward Islanders and affected the lives of all Prince Edward Islanders, especially those who fought to help liberate the inmates of Nazi labour and concentration camps;

AND WHEREAS such a day will provide an opportunity

- (a) to reflect upon and educate about the enduring lessons Humanity must learn from the Holocaust;
- (b) to recognize the necessity for perpetual vigilance to avoid such atrocities in the future; and
- (c) to consider other instances of the systematic destruction of peoples, human rights issues, and the multicultural reality of modern society;

THEREFORE it is appropriate to establish a Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah in Prince Edward Island to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust of 1933 - 1945.

1. Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah

Yom ha-Shoah, or the Day of the Holocaust, as determined in each year according to the Jewish lunar calendar, is proclaimed as Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah in Prince Edward Island. 1999, c.9, s.1.