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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to Holocaust Remembrance Day; creating
3	s. 683.196, F.S.; requiring the Governor to proclaim a
4	specified day of each year as "Holocaust Remembrance
5	Day"; requiring such day to be observed in public
6	schools and by public exercises as the Governor may
7	designate; requiring educational instruction to be
8	provided; providing an effective date.
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10	WHEREAS, although it has been over 77 years since the
11	Holocaust, anti-Semitism and unfounded hatred for the Jewish
12	people continue throughout the world, and
13	WHEREAS, millions of Jews, Soviet civilians, and persons
14	with disabilities were murdered during the Holocaust, as well as
15	persons being targeted for their ethnicity, religion, political
16	beliefs, and sexual orientation, and
17	WHEREAS, Kristallnacht was seen as the catalyst to the
18	Holocaust, when Nazi leaders unleashed a series of pogroms
19	against the Jewish population in Germany and recently
20	incorporated territories, and caused the destruction of Jewish-
21	owned businesses, synagogues, and homes, and
22	WHEREAS, the history of anti-Semitism and its ongoing
23	effects are still impacting the Jewish communities in the State
24	of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,
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26	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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28	Section 1. Section 683.196, Florida Statutes, is created
29	to read:
30	683.196 Holocaust Remembrance Day
31	(1) In honor of the millions of victims killed in the
32	Holocaust, the Governor shall annually proclaim the first
33	weekday in Holocaust Education Week under s. 1003.42(2)(g)2. to
34	be "Holocaust Remembrance Day," which day shall be suitably
35	observed in the public schools of the state, and which day shall
36	otherwise be suitably observed by such public exercises in the
37	State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor may designate.
38	(2) If the first weekday of Holocaust Education Week falls
39	on a day which is not a school day, Holocaust Remembrance Day
40	shall be observed in the public schools on the following school
41	day or on such school day as may be designated by local school
42	authorities.
43	(3) Instruction about the harmful impacts of the Holocaust
44	and anti-Semitism on humanity, and the positive impacts of the
45	Jewish community on humanity, shall be provided as part of
46	public school instruction on Holocaust Remembrance Day.
47	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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