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Bill 198
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An Act to proclaim Holocaust-Yom Hashoah Memorial Day in Québec

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The object of this bill is to proclaim Holocaust-Yom Hashoah Memorial Day in Québec, as determined each year by the Jewish lunar calendar.

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the Holocaust, the systematic annihilation of European Jewry by the Nazis and their collaborators between 1933 and 1945, stands out in all its singular horror in the political history of the twentieth century ;

Whereas the Nazi death camps were the culmination of the racist logic behind the Nazi drive for world hegemony ;

Whereas many Quebeckers fought and died as members of the Canadian forces that went to war to prevent a Nazi victory ;

Whereas many members of the Jewish community of Québec are Holocaust survivors or descendants of Holocaust survivors and victims who settled on our shores after World War Two ;

Whereas each year the members of the Jewish community solemnize their grief and resolve with a memorial day, Yom Hashoah ;

Whereas, consequently, it is appropriate to join our memories to theirs, to mourn, but also to educate about the enduring lessons of the Holocaust ;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

1. Yom Hashoah, or Holocaust Memorial Day, as determined each year by the Jewish lunar calendar, is proclaimed as Holocaust-Yom Hashoah Memorial Day.
2. This Act comes into force on 16 December 1999.