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I send solemn greetings to all those attending the Federal Inter-Agency Holocaust Remembrance Program.

As we reflect on our human history, there is a shadow cast over an era of intolerance when millions of innocent men, women, and children lost their lives because of what they believed, where they were from, or who they loved. The Holocaust left a void on our planet we will never be able to fill, and we must tell our next generation about the barbaric acts that took place so nothing like it happens ever again.

In the darkness of this tragic past, we find light in the resilience and bravery of the survivors and those who risked their own lives to save others. Their stories are testaments to the strength of the human spirit, and they inspire our never-ending work to encourage acceptance where there is hatred and pursue peace in an imperfect world.

As we commemorate the Days of Remembrance and reflect on the losses of those taken from us too soon, let us also remember their lives—how they loved, and hoped, and dreamed. May we carry forward their courage and renew our resolve to root out prejudice and forge a more peaceful, inclusive future for all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style.