

**IN RECOGNITION OF JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2024
AND
THE 76TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE
MAY 14, 2024**

- WHEREAS,** THE LAND OF ISRAEL, BIRTHPLACE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, IS WHERE THE JEWISH PEOPLE FIRST ATTAINED THEIR SPIRITUAL, RELIGIOUS AND NATIONAL IDENTITY, CREATING CULTURAL VALUES OF UNIVERSAL SIGNIFICANCE AND GIVING THE WORLD THE ETERNAL BOOK OF BOOKS; AND
- WHEREAS,** JEWISH IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA, EVER SINCE THEIR FIRST ARRIVAL TO OUR SHORES IN THE 16TH CENTURY, HAVE PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE IN THE CREATION, GROWTH, FREEDOM, PROSPERITY, AND STRENGTH OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND
- WHEREAS,** ON MAY 14, 1948, ISRAEL'S FIRST PRIME MINISTER DAVID BEN-GURION PUBLICLY READ THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF ISRAEL, AND EVERY YEAR THIS EVENT IS COMMEMORATED ON ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY, ALSO KNOWN AS YOM HA'ATZMAUT, WHICH IS ALSO CELEBRATED IN THE UNITED STATES; AND
- WHEREAS,** FOR 42 YEARS, EVERY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS DECLARED A PERIOD OF TIME FOR CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY'S HISTORY, HERITAGE, AND CULTURE; AND SINCE 2006, THE MONTH HAS BEEN PRESIDENTIALLY DECLARED TO BE JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, PURSUANT TO A BIPARTISAN RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAS PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND ITS ABILITY TO SECURE PEACE. THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, THROUGH CULTURAL, CIVIC, RELIGIOUS AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS SHARE A SPECIAL BOND, INCLUDING OUR SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ISRAELI CITY OF HERZLIYA; AND
- WHEREAS,** ANTISEMITISM HAS BEEN RISING AT AN ALARMING RATE IN OUR COUNTRY, AND MANY OF OUR CITIES HAVE EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE IN ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS. THE RESURGENCE OF THIS ANCIENT HATRED IS A THREAT NOT ONLY TO JEWISH PEOPLE BUT TO ALL OF US. AS LEADERS OF AMERICA'S CITIES, WE MUST CREATE THE CONDITIONS THAT ALLOW OUR COMMUNITIES TO BE SAFE, HEALTHY, AND VITAL. BY BRINGING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH TO THE FOREFRONT, WE OFFER HOPE AND OPTIMISM THROUGH THE CELEBRATION OF THE VIBRANT HERITAGE OF JEWISH AMERICANS WHO HAVE ENRICHED OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COMMUNITIES FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS; AND
- WHEREAS,** MAY 14, 2024, MARKS THE 76TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE. IN HONOR OF INDEPENDENCE DAY, SOUTH FLORIDA RESIDENTS, INCLUDING MANY HOLLYWOOD RESIDENTS, WILL CELEBRATE WITH AN ISRAELI FESTIVAL ON MAY 19TH AT HOLLYWOOD'S ARTSPARK, WITH MUSIC, A PARADE, RIDES, FOOD AND MORE; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE DAY BEFORE YOM HA'ATZMAUT IS YOM HAZIKARON, WHICH IS A CEREMONIOUS OCCASION AND DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS "ISRAEL'S DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR FALLEN SOLDIERS AND VICTIMS OF TERRORISM," COMMEMORATING THE ISRAELIS WHO PERISHED FIGHTING FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY RECOGNIZE MAY 2024, AS:

**JEWISH HERITAGE AMERICAN MONTH
AND
MAY 13-(AT SUNDOWN) MAY 14, 2024 AS
THE 76TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE
IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA.**

SIGNED THIS 1ST DAY OF
MAY 2024, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER IDELMA QUINTANA