## IN RECOGNITION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S 73<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

## **APRIL 15, 2021**

- **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 TO THE WORLD THE ETERNAL BOOK OF BOOKS; AND
- **WHEREAS,** AFTER BEING FORCIBLY EXILED FROM THEIR LAND OVER THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY, THE JEWISH PEOPLE KEPT FAITH THROUGHOUT THEIR DISPERSION AND NEVER CEASED TO PRAY AND HOPE FOR THEIR RETURN; AND
- WHEREAS, IN MODERN HISTORY THEY WERE ABLE TO RETURN IN MASSES TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL AS PIONEERS AND DEFENDERS. THEY MADE DESERTS BLOOM, REVIVED THE HEBREW LANGUAGE, BUILT TOWNS AND CITIES, AND CREATED A THRIVING COMMUNITY CONTROLLING ITS OWN ECONOMY AND CULTURE. LOVING PEACE BUT KNOWING HOW TO DEFEND ITSELF, AND BRINGING THE BLESSINGS OF PROGRESS TO ALL THE COUNTRY'S INHABITANTS, THE STATE OF ISRAEL REMAINS TODAY AS A BEACON OF DEMOCRACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST; AND
- **WHEREAS,** APRIL 15, 2021 MARKS THE <u>73<sup>RD</sup></u> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL; 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 FOR ITS PEOPLE; AND
- **WHEREAS,** THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, THROUGH CULTURAL, CIVIC, RELIGIOUS AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS SHARE A SPECIAL BOND OF FRIENDSHIP; NOW
- **THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 15, 2021, THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF IYYAR IN THE YEAR <u>5781</u> OF THE JEWISH CALENDAR, TO BE RECOGNIZED AS:

## THE <u>73<sup>RD</sup></u> ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

SIGNED THIS <u>7<sup>TH</sup></u> DAY OF APRIL 2021, AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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