

**IN RECOGNITION OF
THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY
APRIL 26, 2023**

- 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,** THE ANCIENT LOVE STORY BETWEEN THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND THEIR HOMELAND GOES BACK 3,500 YEARS AGO TO THE BIBLE. 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,** ON NOVEMBER 29, 1947, THE UNITED NATIONS APPROVED RESOLUTION 181, WHICH RECOGNIZED THE JEWISH RIGHT TO A HOMELAND. ON MAY 14, 1948, "THE FATHER OF ISRAEL" DAVID BEN-GURION, READ THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. THE STATE OF ISRAEL CHRONICLES ONE OF THE FEW FUNCTIONAL POST-COLONIAL DEMOCRACIES TO EMERGE AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR; AND
- WHEREAS,** IN MODERN HISTORY JEWISH PEOPLE 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 ECONOMY; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS FLOURISHING TODAY AS A BEACON OF INNOVATION AND DEMOCRACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, RECENTLY USHERING IN HISTORIC DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC NORMALIZATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, BAHRAIN, MOROCCO AND SUDAN THROUGH THE U.S. SPONSORED ABRAHAM ACCORDS; 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,** APRIL 26, 2023 MARKS THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE. IN HONOR OF INDEPENDENCE DAY, THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD WILL CELEBRATE THE RENEWAL OF THE JEWISH STATE ON APRIL 30, 2023 IN ARTSPARK WITH AN ISRAELI DAY FESTIVAL, PARADE, MUSIC, RIDES, FOOD AND MORE; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 26, 2023, THE 5TH DAY OF IYYAR IN THE YEAR 5783 OF THE JEWISH CALENDAR, TO BE RECOGNIZED AS:

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

SIGNED THIS 19TH DAY OF
APRIL 2023, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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