IN RECOGNITION OF 74TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

MAY 5, 2022

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 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; AND
- WHEREAS, MAY 5, 2022 MARKS THE 74TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE; 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, INCLUDING OUR SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ISRAELI CITY OF
 HERZLIYA; NOW
- THEREFORE, JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 5, 2022, THE 5TH DAY OF IYAR IN THE YEAR 5782 OF THE JEWISH CALENDAR, TO BE RECOGNIZED AS:

THE 74TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

SIGNED THIS 4^{TH} DAY OF MAY 2022, AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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