## A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF REMEMBRANCE, RESILIENCE, AND UNITY COMMEMORATING THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER 7th ATTACK ON THE STATE OF ISRAEL

## **OCTOBER 7, 2025**

WHEREAS,

ON OCTOBER 7, 2023, THE STATE OF ISRAEL ENDURED THE MOST HORRIFIC ATTACK ON THE JEWISH PEOPLE SINCE THE HOLOCAUST, CARRIED OUT BY HAMAS, A U.S.-DESIGNATED TERRORIST ORGANIZATION THAT VIOLENTLY SEIZED CONTROL OF THE GAZA STRIP FOLLOWING ISRAEL'S DISENGAGEMENT FROM THE TERRITORY IN PURSUIT OF PEACE NEARLY TWENTY YEARS AGO; AND

WHEREAS.

IN THIS UNCONSCIONABLE ACT OF TERROR OVER 1,200 PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM CIVILIANS, WERE BRUTALLY MURDERED, WITH THE VICTIMS INCLUDING CITIZENS FROM MORE THAN 40 COUNTRIES, AMONG THEM AT LEAST 36 CONFIRMED U.S. CITIZENS. THE BRUTALITY INFLICTED UPON INNOCENT CIVILIANS, INCLUDING MURDER, RAPE, TORTURE, AND KIDNAPPING, HAS LEFT INDELIBLE SCARS ON COUNTLESS FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE, UNITING US ALL IN MOURNING AND REMEMBRANCE; AND

WHEREAS,

THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, HONORING THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO PERISHED AND EXTENDING SUPPORT TO THOSE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN FOREVER ALTERED BY THIS TERRIBLE VIOLENCE; AND

WHEREAS,

DESPITE THE PROFOUND TRAUMA ENDURED, THE RESILIENCE OF THE ISRAELI PEOPLE HAS BEEN TRULY EXTRAORDINARY, AS THEY CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE UNWAVERING DETERMINATION TO BRING THE REMAINING HOSTAGES HOME, DEFEND THE VALUES OF OUR SHARED CIVILIZATION, AND DEFEND THEIR RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURITY; 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, INCLUDING OUR SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ISRAELI CITY OF HERZLIYA. THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, JOINS VOICES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNS TERRORISM IN ALL ITS FORMS, PARTICULARLY THE STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM FUELED BY IRAN, WHICH HAS CLAIMED THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS AND CONTINUES TO DESTABILIZE THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST AND BEYOND; AND

WHEREAS.

THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD SHARES THE VISION OF THE U.S.-SPONSORED ABRAHAM ACCORDS, EMBRACING THEM AS A BLUEPRINT FOR ADVANCING THE HOPE OF A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, AND FULLY SUPPORTS THEIR CONTINUED EXPANSION; NOW

THEREFORE,

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 7, 2025, AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, RESILIENCE, UNITY, AND FRIENDSHIP WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, AND CALL UPON OUR RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN SOLEMN REFLECTION OF THIS ANNIVERSARY, WHILE RENEWING OUR SHARED DEDICATION TO BUILDING A PEACEFUL, SECURE, AND TERRORISM-FREE FUTURE FOR ISRAEL, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE WORLD.

SIGNED THIS 9th DAY OF OCTOBER 2025 AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR IDELMA QUINTANA
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ
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