

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 78TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY
APRIL 22, 2026
AND
JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2026**

- WHEREAS,** IN 1948, FOLLOWING CENTURIES OF EXILE, PERSECUTION, AND AN ENDURING SPIRITUAL CONNECTION TO THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMELAND, THE JEWISH PEOPLE REESTABLISHED THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL, FULFILLING THE ANCIENT DREAM OF NATIONAL RENEWAL AND AFFIRMING THE UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, AND THE RIGHT OF A PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION; AND
- WHEREAS,** IN 2026, THE STATE OF ISRAEL CELEBRATES THE 78TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE, MARKING NEARLY EIGHT DECADES OF REMARKABLE RESILIENCE, INGENUITY, CULTURAL VITALITY, AND STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE, HUMAN DIGNITY, AND THE PURSUIT OF PEACE IN A CHALLENGING REGION; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL SHARE A STRONG AND ENDURING PARTNERSHIP ROOTED IN MUTUAL RESPECT, STRATEGIC COOPERATION, AND DEEP CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL TIES THAT HAVE STRENGTHENED BOTH NATIONS AND CONTRIBUTED TO GLOBAL PROGRESS; AND
- WHEREAS,** JEWISH AMERICANS HAVE MADE PROFOUND AND LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CIVIC, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND PHILANTHROPIC LIFE OF OUR NATION AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, HELPING TO SHAPE THE CHARACTER, VITALITY, AND MORAL FABRIC OF THE UNITED STATES; AND
- WHEREAS,** EACH MAY WE PROUDLY RECOGNIZE JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, HONORING THE RICH HISTORY, TRADITIONS, AND EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENTS OF JEWISH AMERICANS IN THE ARTS, SCIENCES, BUSINESS, PUBLIC SERVICE, AND THE ONGOING PURSUIT OF JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL PEOPLE; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH OFFERS A MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR OUR SHARED VALUES WHILE RECOGNIZING THE RICH AND DIVERSE HERITAGE THAT STRENGTHENS AND ENRICHES OUR NATION; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY CALL UPON ALL RESIDENTS TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR THE ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEWISH AMERICANS, TO COMMEMORATE THE ENDURING DEMOCRATIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL, AND TO REAFFIRM OUR COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO A WORLD WHERE DEMOCRACY PREVAILS OVER HATE AND PEACE IS PURSUED, AND HEREBY RECOGNIZE:

**APRIL 21-(AT SUNDOWN) APRIL 22, 2026, AS
THE 78TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE
AND
JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2026
IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA.**

SIGNED THIS 6TH DAY OF
APRIL 2026, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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