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TO: All State Agencies  
FROM: Governor Kay Ivey   
DATE: Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
RE: Flags Lowered Honoring the Lives Lost in Israel

I am directing flags to be lowered to half-staff immediately in honor and remembrance of the lives lost in Israel at the hands of Hamas terrorists on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, which was the Jewish holy day of Simchat Torah.

The repeated acts of terrorism and violation of Israel's sovereignty must be stopped at all costs. Those responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Israeli citizens are not only the enemies of our Jewish brothers and sisters, but the United States and her people, too. For more than 80 years, Alabama has proudly stood in solidarity with the State of Israel, and we will continue to do so through these challenging times.

Alabama and Israel share a commitment to deeply-held common values – one of which is the belief in the power of prayer. I call upon the people of our great state to uplift our Jewish brothers and sisters in prayer as they fight to protect their homeland.

The flags should be flown at half-staff immediately until sunset on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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