



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of World War II, the United States, along with the United Nations, recognized a need for Jewish people to reestablish their historic homeland: In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted for the establishment of two states in Palestine, the United States supported the relocation of Holocaust survivors to Palestine; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the Provisional Government of Israel proclaimed a new state of Israel. President Harry Truman, on the same date, became the first leader of a nation to recognize Israel as a sovereign government and authority of the Jewish state; and

WHEREAS, since 1948, the United States has recognized Israel as an independent nation, with Alabama being the first state to acknowledge its sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, most recently, President Donald Trump relocated the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, thereby recognizing the city as the capital of Israel; and

WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with a charter, including stated goals of the destruction of Israel and murder of Jews, and it has been designated by the United States and many other nations as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

WHEREAS, Alabama and Israel share a commitment to deeply held common values from the history of each shaped greatly through the influence of Biblical faith, in addition to many nationally shared values as the only democratic ally of the United States in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, October 7, 2023, quickly became a day of unimaginable horrors for the people of Israel. Hamas terrorists began a vicious attack on the Jewish people and slaughtered innocent civilians; set fire to swaths of Israel's territory and desecrated human remains; and

WHEREAS, on this solemn one-year anniversary, I ask Alabamians to remember the victims whose lives were tragically taken and those who are still held hostage to this day due to the acts of war committed by the brutal terrorist organization, Hamas. I ask Alabamians to recommit to the shared values that unite Alabama and Israel;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2024, as

Day of Observance for Israel

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 7th day of October 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor