



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

STATE OF ISRAEL 75TH ANNIVERSARY

- WHEREAS:** The State of Israel is celebrating its 75th anniversary of independence, which was declared on May 14, 1948; Georgia is proud to recognize that mere minutes after this declaration, the United States of America was the first nation to recognize the new State; and
- WHEREAS:** Since its establishment, Israel has been a valued friend and ally to the United States, and Georgia has been proud to stand with Israel in friendship; and
- WHEREAS:** Israel has maintained a consular presence in Georgia since 1956, and Georgia has had representation in Israel since 1994. This partnership has yielded great economic benefits, with bilateral trade between Georgia and Israel in 2022 totaling \$1.2 billion; and Israeli facilities currently employ more than 1,000 Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** Despite constant threats from its neighbors and prejudice from individuals across the world, Israel has flourished as a beacon of democracy, economic prosperity, and innovation; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia joins in recognizing and celebrating Israel's Independence Day, and looks forward to many more years of mutual investment, cultural exchange, and close personal ties; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2023, as STATE OF ISRAEL 75TH ANNIVERSARY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Matthew Kipferovich

CHIEF OF STAFF