

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, April 29, 2020, the 5th of Iyyar, 5780, of the Hebrew calendar, marks the 72nd anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, the desire of the Jewish people to establish an independent modern State of Israel is the outgrowth of the existence of the historic Kingdom of Israel established three thousand years ago in the city of Jerusalem and in the land of Israel; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted to partition the British Mandate of Palestine and, through that vote, to create the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, three years after the end of World War II and the death of six million Jews in the Holocaust, David Ben Gurion's Declaration of Independence for Israel, made on May 14, 1948, fulfilled a spiritual yearning that had remained unrealized for over two millennia; and

WHEREAS, The United States has played a critical role in the development of Israel and has been steadfast in its commitment to helping the people of Israel develop their own economy and secure their own peace; and

WHEREAS, the people of Vermont have shared an affinity with the people of Israel and the bonds of friendship and cooperation which have existed between Israel and Vermont for the past seventy two years have enriched the cultural diversity of our state's tapestry and they are eternal.

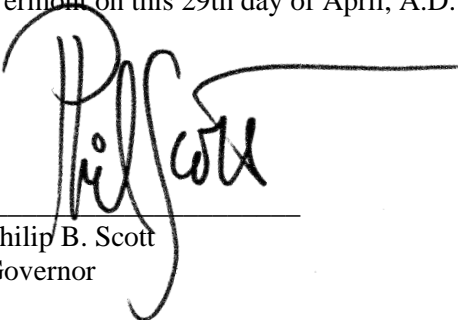
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 29, 2020 as


**THE 72ND ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE
COMMEMORATION DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of April, A.D. 2020.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs