

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** April 15, 2021, the 4th of Iyyar, 5778, of the Hebrew calendar, marks the 73rd Anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel; and

**WHEREAS,** the desire of the Jewish people to reestablish an independent 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,** 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,** on the day that the British formally ended its Mandate over Palestine, and the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel was signed and went into effect. Thus, the State of Israel was proclaimed, and the United States recognized and established full diplomatic relations with Israel; 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 our partnership is steadfast and the bonds of friendship and cooperation which have existed between Israel and Vermont for the past seventy-three years have enriched the cultural diversity of our state's tapestry and they are eternal.

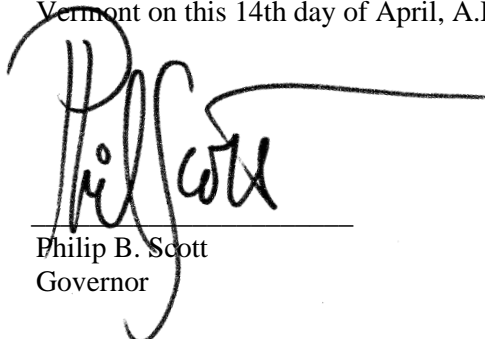
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 15, 2021 as

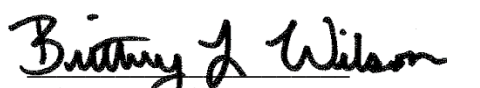
**ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of April, A.D. 2021.



  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs