

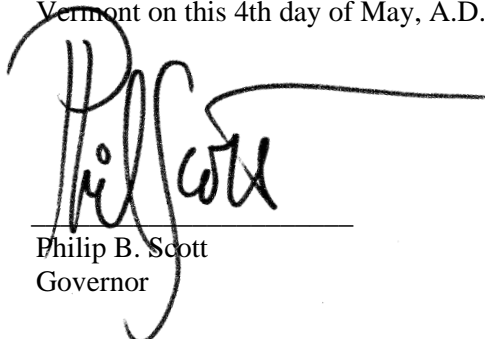
**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** May 5, 2022, the 4th of Iyyar, 5778, of the Hebrew calendar, marks the 74th 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 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 May 5, 2022 as

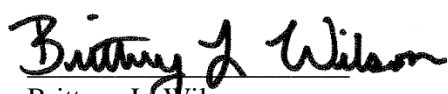
ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of May, A.D. 2022.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs