

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** April 26, 2023, the 5<sup>th</sup> of Iyyar, 5783, of the Hebrew calendar, marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel; and

**WHEREAS,** on November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted on the Partition Plan thus establishing the State of Israel; and

**WHEREAS,** on May 14, 1948, Israel's first Prime Minister David Ben Gurion signed the Declaration of Independence of Israel, and thus the State of Israel was proclaimed and the United States became the first nation in the world to recognize and establish full diplomatic relations with 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 with the city of Jerusalem as its capital and in the land of Israel; and

**WHEREAS,** in May 1948, the young State of Israel had a tiny population of 800,000 residents, today has grown more than 12 times larger, representing a culturally diverse population and a unique social mosaic; and

**WHEREAS,** Israel has developed a strong, innovative, entrepreneurial economy, is at the forefront of scientific research and development, has vibrant academic institutions and stands at the forefront of the global arena; and

**WHEREAS,** the United States, Israel's strongest ally, has played a critical role in the development of the modern State of Israel and has been committed to helping the people of Israel secure their own peace; and

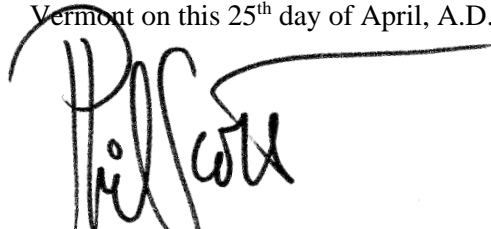
**WHEREAS,** the bonds of friendship and cooperation which have existed between Israel and Vermont for the past 75 years have enriched the cultural diversity of our state's tapestry and they are eternal.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 26, 2023 as

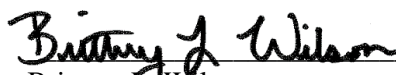
**75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2023.

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs