



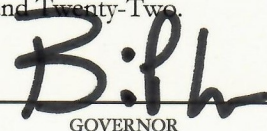
## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

### A COMMENDATION

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia and the nation of Israel have enjoyed a long and prosperous relationship, with Israel maintaining a consular presence in Georgia since 1956 and Georgia having representation in Israel since 1994; and
- WHEREAS:** This relationship has yielded both great cultural and economic benefits to both parties. In 2021 alone, Georgia exported over \$280 million worth of goods to Israel and imported nearly \$652 million worth of goods to the state from this valued partner and ally; and
- WHEREAS:** The friendship and shared values between Georgia and Israel have continued to grow in recent years, as both our cultural and economic bonds have strengthened through efforts such as the launch of the Georgia – Israel Legislative Caucus, the expansion of air service to include direct flights between Atlanta and Tel Aviv as of May 2023, and robust exchanges of Georgia's law enforcement professionals with Israel through the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE); and
- WHEREAS:** This year, a bipartisan group of legislators comprised of Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, Rep. Debra Bazemore, Rep. Michael Gravley, Rep. Debbie Buckner, Rep. Karen Bennett, Rep. Barry Fleming, Rep. Mitchell Kaye, Rep. Darlene Taylor, Mr. Brent Cox, and their families will travel from Georgia to Israel to further learn about and celebrate the deep ties between these two nations; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia applauds the efforts of this group and wishes them Godspeed as they visit our close friend and ally Israel and reaffirms our support for the Jewish State; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend

### THE GEORGIA – ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST  
  
CHIEF OF STAFF

