
State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

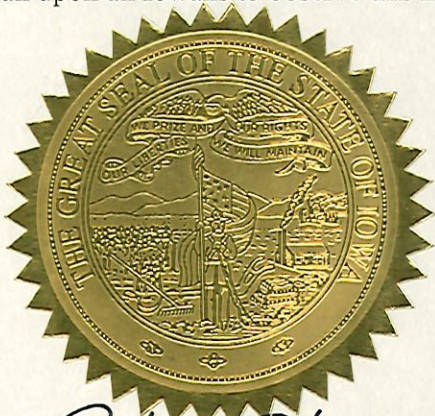
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** on October 7, 2023, Hamas, a United States-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization, attacked Israel without provocation, murdering innocent civilians in a ground assault and launching more than 4,500 rockets indiscriminately; and
- WHEREAS,** this heinous attack by Hamas terrorists resulted in the murder of more than 1,400 innocent civilians of all ages including the deaths of at least 30 innocent Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** Hamas terrorists have taken civilians hostages, resulting in the abhorrent and inhumane treatment of innocent people, including many children and elderly people; and
- WHEREAS,** this massive act of terrorism took place during Shabbat, the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah, and one day after the 50th anniversary of the start of the 1973 Yom Kippur War; and
- WHEREAS,** the Israeli people have suffered a violent attack, clearly designed to maximize terror and harm to civilians, resulting in the largest mass slaughter of Jews since the Holocaust and is yet another instance of the centuries-long persecution and antisemitism that Jewish people have suffered; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa stands in solidarity with the Israeli people and Jewish communities everywhere and reaffirms its unwavering commitment to Israel's sovereignty and security; and
- WHEREAS,** the blue ribbon symbolizes support for the safe return of the hostages taken by Hamas terrorists and solidarity with the hostages, their families, and all who care for their safety; and
- WHEREAS,** wearing a ribbon publicly unites us with people of all religions, races, nationalities, ethnicities, ages, and generations and demonstrates for the people of Israel that they are not alone and that good people across the globe are with them and their families during this dark time.

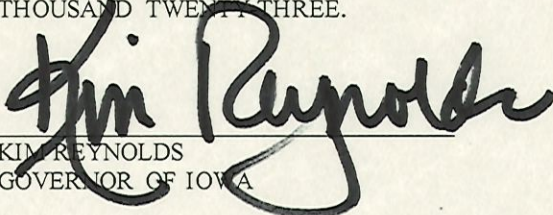
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby direct that the lights of the Iowa State Capitol be illuminated blue in support of Israel, beginning on the evening of October 18th, 2023, through the evening of October 22nd, 2023; and, I proclaim October 22nd -29th, 2023 as:

Blue Ribbons for Israel Solidarity Week

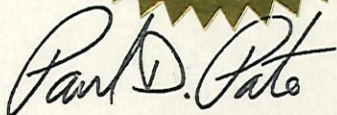
and call upon all Iowans to observe this moment of solidarity by wearing a blue ribbon in support of Israel.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF
THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES
THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO
THOUSAND TWENTY THREE.


KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:



PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE