



**STATE OF TEXAS**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Two years ago, inconceivable horrors emerged against the people of Israel, marking a day in history that our world must never forget. On October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists led a wicked attack on the Jewish people, killing 1,200 innocent people and holding hundreds hostage, including women, children, and the elderly. On the Day of Observance for Israel, we must reiterate our position that hatred and evil have no place in our world as we honor and remember the victims, their families, and their fellow countrymen.

Israel continues to be under serious threat, but despite the numerous challenges to its security and sovereignty, the people of Israel have remained resilient to secure peace. The month after the initial attack took place, I personally witnessed the aftermath from the horrors and carnage of that day and the immense grief that followed. The acts of war committed by Hamas were sheer evil but couldn't crush Israel's spirit or those of its allies who provide unwavering support.

The State of Texas recognizes the inherent value of life and condemns all acts of hate while remaining committed to promoting prosperity, security, and dignity for all. Antisemitism will never be tolerated in Texas. Our state will always protect the civil rights of Jewish Americans, while supporting them in their defense of their homeland. We have always been clear on our stance that Hamas is evil, and those who support Hamas—whether explicitly or implicitly—are supporting evil.

On this solemn two-year anniversary, I ask my fellow Texans to join with others across the world in solidarity and remembrance of the atrocities Israel suffered on this day. At 7:00 a.m. on October 7, 2025, I invite every Texan to join me in a moment of silence for the people of Israel, for the Americans who were held hostage — Edan Alexander, Sagui Dekel-Chen, Gadi Haggai, Judith Weinstein Haggai, and Keith Siegel — and for those still in captivity: Itay Chen and Omer Neutra.

During this observance, flags of the State of Texas and the United States of America will be lowered to half-staff. I also ask all religious leaders at their next service to light a candle in remembrance of this solemn day. On this anniversary and hereafter, I pray that this war will be brought to a peaceful conclusion for the Jewish community. Texas will always stand with Israel and promote prosperity, security, and dignity for all.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2025, to be a

## **Day of Observance for Israel**



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 7th day of October, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas