

PROCLAMATION

HEART OF NEW JERSEY ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE

WHEREAS, in the face of persecution around the world, generations of Jewish Americans have made meaningful and notable impacts on American society, living proof of this country's promise of freedom, justice and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have played an important role in the growth and success of Marlboro Township, and continue to be active and involved in the ongoing success of this community; and

WHEREAS, in October, 2023, the Marlboro community gathered together in support of Israel following the unprecedented Hamas terrorist attacks on Israeli border communities, resulting in the murder and kidnapping of more than 1,400 innocent civilians, including children; and

WHEREAS, seven months hence, the need to support Israel and Jewish people at home and around the globe has become even more crucial as anti-Semitism surges in society, schools, places of worship, and college campuses, aggravated by the effects of social media; and

WHEREAS, today, we meet once again to commemorate Yom HaZikaron (Israel Memorial Day) and celebrate Yom Ha'Azmaut (Israel Independence Day) in remembrance of Israel's fallen soldiers, victims of terror and those still held hostage; and

WHEREAS, in The United States, May is Jewish American Heritage Month, as declared in 2006 by George W. Bush as a way to honor the generations of Jewish people in our nation and raise awareness of ongoing struggles of anti-Semitism; and

WHEREAS, in Marlboro Township, we are proudly diverse and welcome all from different backgrounds and faiths, free of stereotypes and prejudices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor of the Township of Marlboro, along with the Township Council, do hereby recognize the month of May, 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month, recognizing the 76th birthday of the Jewish State and reaffirm our unequivocal support for Israel.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan L. Hornik".

Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor
Township of Marlboro
May 13, 2024