

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: On Saturday, October 7th, 2023, during the Jewish holy day of Simchat Torah, Hamas jihadist terrorists launched an unprovoked surprise attack against the people and nation of Israel, defying all legal and moral strictures;

WHEREAS: These terrorists have killed hundreds of innocent Israelis and at least nine Americans and taken more captive, striking against civilians and attacking the elderly, children, and non-combatant women and men. Their stated goal is the destruction of the nation of Israel and genocide against the Jewish people;

WHEREAS: The terrorists are supported by adversaries of America and Israel, including the Islamic Republic of Iran and Hezbollah. They not only want to destroy Israel but are also the enemies of the United States and every other civilized nation on earth;

WHEREAS: Arkansans stand in support of our Israeli allies as they fight this war and chase the terrorists out of their country; and

WHEREAS: There can be no compromise with, or equivocation about, evil of this kind. Arkansas supports Israel's right to defend itself completely.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, in mourning for the Israeli lives lost, in support of Israel in this war, and as an expression of Arkansas' complete solidarity with the Israeli cause, do hereby direct that the flag of the United States and the state flag of Arkansas be flown at half-staff from sunrise on October 10, 2023 to sunset on October 13, 2023.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 9th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2023.



Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor



John Thurston, Secretary of State