



# State of Alabama PROCLAMATION By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, in the midst of World War II in 1943, Alabama led the nation as the first, and possibly only, state in America to officially call for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine; and

**WHEREAS**, that official call was set forth in a unanimous Joint Resolution of the Alabama State Senate and the Alabama House of Representatives and approved and signed by the Governor on June 10, 1943; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama's 1943 Joint Resolution was passed more than five years prior to the official establishment of the modern State of Israel, at a time when Alabamians and all Americans were waging war against the Axis powers and their effort to exterminate the Jews of Europe through mass murder; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than five decades, the State of Israel has been America's chief democratic ally in the Middle East, in an alliance based on shared values and shared interests; and

**WHEREAS**, in the wake of September 11, 2001, America and Alabama, like the State of Israel, have now experienced terrorist attacks on our innocent civilians as a result of suicide missions and other forms of terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabamians, along with all Americans, grieve the senseless loss of innocent lives due to such reckless acts of terror and evil throughout our world; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama leads the nation with the numbers of her native sons and daughters serving in combat at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, as Alabama led the nation at a critical time in 1943 by expressing her unequivocal support for the creation of the State of Israel, Alabama again desires to lead the nation by expressing her unequivocal support for the State of Israel at this critical time:


**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Don Siegelman, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2002, as a

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in the state of Alabama as evidence of Alabama's support and compassion for all people suffering at the hands of terrorism. I urge President Bush and the Governors of all the United States of America to remain steadfast in support of the State of Israel and all who battle senseless acts of evil and all forms of terrorism at this critical time, not only as a continuing act of justice, but as a continuing and integral statement of the principles for which we as Americans, and Alabamians, are now actively waging war. Be it further resolved that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the United States Congress, to the Governors of all the United States of America, and to the Israeli Embassy in Washington for transmission to all the proper authorities in the State of Israel.



*GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of the Governor's Office at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 29th day of March 2002.*

  
Governor Don Siegelman