ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

IN HONOR OF
Israel's Independence Day

Whereas, The City of Atlanta looks forward to continuing its strong friendship with the State of Israel and developing new and deeper ties with the Middle East's lone democracy; and

Whereas, It is befitting that the City of Atlanta congratulates the State of Israel on the election of its new Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu; and

Whereas, Atlanta has a large and proud Jewish community that has made a lasting mark and contribution to our city's diverse history and culture. Their numerous philanthropic causes include a partnership with Israeli cities Yokneam-Miggedo; and

Whereas, Atlanta is the home base for the Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast, Israel's official representative to the Southeast Region which leads numerous initiatives to foster cooperation between Israel and the Southeast Region; and

Whereas, The City of Atlanta and the Israeli city of Ra'anana are partners in the Sister Cities International Program, a global organization fostering cooperation through education and better cultural understanding; and

Whereas, Atlanta is the home of the Institute for the Study of Modern Israel at Emory, the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce to the Southeast and the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange, which foster academic and economic and security partnerships between Atlanta and the State of Israel.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, We, the members of the Atlanta City Council, and on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, hereby recognize ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY on this 20th day of April 2009 for its commitments in building international relationships with U.S. & other World Nations.

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