



# City of Pittsburgh

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**WHEREAS**, on May 10, 2011, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh will hold the city's largest celebration honoring the State of Israel , known as **Yom Ha'atzmaut** , the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Israel's independence; and,

**WHEREAS**, on May 14, 1948, the Jewish People's Council gathered at the Tel Aviv Museum and approved a proclamation declaring the establishment of the State of Israel and since then Israeli Independence Day is celebrated in Israel by a speech from the Speaker of the Knesset, a ritual march of soldiers carrying the flag of Israel and the lighting of twelve torches ; and,

**WHEREAS**, in Pittsburgh, **Yom Ha'atzmaut** will be marked with the community's largest annual Israel festival, with crafts from local Jewish vendors, live music by local performers, food from the community's kosher caterers, a petting zoo, interactive experiences and performances from the **Spirit of Israel Teen Delegation** ; and,

**WHEREAS**, the **Spirit of Israel Teen Delegation** is a group of 10 young people, grades 10-12, from Pittsburgh's Partnership 2000 region and Pittsburgh Sister City of Karmiel-Misgav who travel to Pittsburgh every year to participate in community wide Israel events that include **Yom Ha'atzmaut** and **Yom Hazikaron** , the Israel Memorial Day ; and,

**WHEREAS**, Pittsburgh Partnership 2000 develops youth leadership, builds community and strengthens the region and the connection to Israel and Karmiel-Misgav through people to people connections and relationship building.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize **Yom Ha'atzmaut, the State of Israel's 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Independence** ; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 10, 2011, to be **"YOM HA'ATZMAUT 2011"** in the City of Pittsburgh.