

**Joint Declaration**

**On the Establishment of a Strategic Partnership for  
Friendly Exchanges and Cooperation**

**Between**

**The Government of the State of Hawai'i, United States of America**

**And**

**The Government of the State of Israel**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL (PARTICIPANTS) RECOGNIZE THAT:**

Whereas, two-way trade between Hawai'i and Israel totaled over \$10 million in 2020; and

Whereas, the Participants share common goals in areas such as water, agriculture, food security, climate change, sea-level rise and resilience, marine sciences, alternative energy, environmental technology, and multiple technology-based industry sectors; and

Whereas, the Participants have received grants from bi-national U.S.-Israel foundations for joint research in science, agriculture and priorities of commerce; and

Whereas, the Participants seek to expand the current level of cooperation between Israel and Hawai'i in, but not limited to, water, agriculture, food security, climate change, sea-level rise and resilience, marine sciences, alternative energy, environmental technology, and multiple technology based industry sectors through venture capital investment, business innovation, education, research and development, and commercial application.

**THEREFORE, IT IS DECLARED AS FOLLOWS:**

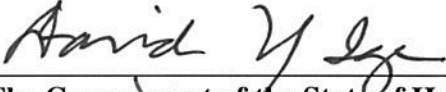
The Participants hereby sign this Declaration for the purposes of establishing a formal relationship between both governments in order to foster economic cooperation, facilitate joint industrial research and development, and enhance business relationships, research and educational opportunities.

To achieve these aims, the Participants intend to:

1. Facilitate collaborations between Hawai'i and Israel entrepreneurs and researchers through (though not exclusively limited to) the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, universities, foundations, and the private sector.
2. Encourage their people and relevant competent authorities to further develop interpersonal contacts and exchanges, and to promote mutual cooperation, understanding, and friendship by encouraging ad hoc task forces, trade delegations, and professional exchanges between Israel and Hawai'i in key sectors including, but not limited to:
  - a. Renewable, Alternative Energy and related Clean Technologies
  - b. Climate change, sea-level rise and resilience
  - c. Water, agriculture and food security
  - d. Cybersecurity
  - e. Marine Science

- f. Innovation, entrepreneurship and technology
  - g. Civics and Governance
  - h. Arts & Culture
  - i. Academic exchanges
  - j. Nature reserves
3. The Participants encourage the strengthening of sister city programs between Israel and Hawai'i cities, which are designed to enhance opportunities for cultural and educational exchanges, economic partnerships, and social entrepreneurship on the local level.
4. The Participants encourage direct collaboration between Hawai'i and Israel higher education institutions and public and private research institutions.

Signed at Honolulu, HI on October 19 2022

  
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The Government of the State of Hawai'i,  
United States of America

  
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For the Government of the State of Israel