

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Sandy Springs enjoys a history of friendship with Israel, recently establishing a Sister City agreement with the Western Galilee, a cluster of cities in which Jews, Christians, Muslims and Druze peacefully engage in business and daily life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sandy Springs and Israel also share Democratic values supporting freedom and democracy for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sandy Springs opposes any boycott, divestment or sanctions initiative whose purpose is to instill hostility or promote anti-Semitism; and

WHEREAS, the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement is an initiative targeted against the Jewish people of Israel, and is a movement that negatively impacts opportunities for peace in the region; and

WHEREAS, boycotts such as the effort supported by BDS promote bigotry and discrimination and cause economic harm.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Russell K Paul, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Sandy Springs and on behalf of the City Council voice this body's support of Israel.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, on this 20th day of September, 2016.

Russell K Paul
Mayor