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TREASURER FLEMING ANNOUNCES INVESTMENT IN ISRAEL

On the one-year anniversary of a brutal invasion by the terrorist organization Hamas, that led to the deaths of 1,200 innocent people, Louisiana State Treasurer John Fleming, M.D., is proud to reiterate his strong support for Israel.

He said, “In both April and August, our Treasury Department purchased \$10 million in Israeli bonds, as our state laws allow, that earned higher basis points than U.S. Treasuries. We also hosted a trade delegation from Israel, led by Governor Israel Ganz, and began a trade alliance between Louisiana and Israel.”

According to Dr. Fleming, “Israel is the Middle East’s only true democracy. It is facing serious attacks from both Iran and their terrorist proxies, Hezbollah, the Houthis and Hamas. These terrorist actions are driven by a cruel mission to annihilate the Jewish people. We are honored to offer assistance for Israel as it fights this evil, safeguards innocent civilians and works to reunite the remaining 101 hostages with their families.”

Sadly, last year’s massacre also exposed pockets of unabashed antisemitism in the United States, including on the campuses of once-venerated universities, as demonstrated by countless acts and threats against Jewish students. Dr. Fleming vowed that the Louisiana Department of Treasury “will continue to oppose antisemitism by not investing in entities that partake in the BDS movement and by ensuring that the financial research and ratings that our state relies upon is based on sound financial principles rather than BDS movement tactics meant to isolate Israel in the world economy and breed prejudice against the Jewish people.”

On this somber anniversary of the vicious terrorist attack against Israel, Dr. Fleming extended his prayers for the victims and his hope for peace in the Middle East. He said, “Israel did not ask for this war,

they were attacked in the most evil and vicious way. Our department offers our unwavering support as Israel attempts to eliminate this threat and provide safety for citizens in their country and throughout the Middle East.”

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