THE PRESIDENT

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It is my very pleasant duty to give my full support to this wonderful initiative – World Jewish Solidarity Day.

The mutual commitment and the mutual responsibility shared by every single member of the Jewish People, whether in Israel or in the diaspora, wherever they live, whatever their affiliation, however they choose to express their Jewishness, is what has always kept our people together and ensured our miraculous survival over the centuries.

In today's world, this mutual commitment, this unity, is ever more vitally important. Although these qualities always underlie our society, they emerge in ever greater strength during times of crisis here in Israel, when we witness a surge in this sense of mutual responsibility, brotherhood, voluntary mutual aid, generosity. In these uncertain times we need to expand and develop the mutual support and the dialogue between all the many varied and sometimes separate sections of our people, both here in Israel, and throughout the Jewish world. I believe it is vitally important that we make full use of this opportunity to reaffirm our shared identity and to reinforce the ties that bind us all together as one People.

We must not be under any illusion–this unity, this need for a sane and real dialogue, these are the foundations of our survival. We are marking this World Jewish Solidarity Day, but we must hope that this sense of unity will continue through all the days of the year.

My friends, with the many changes and developments our society has been undergoing in recent years, both here in Israel and abroad, maintaining and reinforcing unity is an enormous challenge. But this is a challenge which is also a duty. A duty, which above all, will ensure that the future generations, our children and our grandchildren, will be able to continue to live together as proud and fulfilled Jews.

I call on all Jews, everywhere, from whatever country you live in, from whichever community or organization, to take part in the events marking Work Jewish Solidarity Day that will reinforce the links between the millions of Jews all around the world with each other and with the ancient and modern capital of the Jewish People, here in Jerusalem.

Sincerely,

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