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Commending the State of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and Alaska; and supporting the right of the State of Israel to self-governance and self-defense.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the land of the State of Israel was originally granted to the people of Israel by a deed recorded in the Old Testament; and

WHEREAS the Jewish people have lived in and claimed the land belonging to the State of Israel for 4,000 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1920, the San Remo Resolution established the legal basis under international law for the modern State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, the Council of the League of Nations confirmed the San Remo Resolution, and the United States Congress enacted a joint resolution that was signed by the President supporting a national state for the Jewish people; and

WHEREAS the San Remo Resolution confirmed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the Land of Israel, including the areas

of Judea, Samaria, and Jerusalem; and

WHEREAS the action taken by the Council of the League of Nations in 1922 remains valid, and the 650,000 Jewish persons in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem reside there legitimately because, in 1945, Article 80 of the United Nations Charter recognized the validity of their existing rights under international law; and

WHEREAS the State of Israel declared its independence and self-governance on May 14, 1948, with the goal of establishing its historical and legally recognized land as a homeland for Jewish people; and

WHEREAS the United States was the first country to recognize the State of Israel as an independent nation and, as the principal ally of the State of Israel, enjoys a close and mutually beneficial relationship with Israel and its people; and

WHEREAS the State of Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East, and the values of the two nations are intertwined and impossible to separate; and

WHEREAS Alaska and the State of Israel have enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, and this friendship grows stronger each year; and

WHEREAS the persons in the Middle East who are trying to destroy Israel also hate the United States and seek to destroy the United States; and

WHEREAS the State of Israel has the right to defend itself from those who try to destroy it and has used force only when necessary to defend itself; and

WHEREAS peace cannot be achieved in the Middle East unless Israel is united and whole;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature commends the State of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and Alaska and supports the legal, historical, and moral right of the State of Israel to self-governance and the defense of its lands.