

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the 75th anniversary of the State of Israel and reaffirming Indiana's support for Israel.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the 75th  
2 anniversary of the State of Israel and reaffirming Indiana's  
3 support for Israel.

4           *Whereas, On November 29, 1947, the General Assembly of*  
5 *the United Nations voted to partition British Mandatory*  
6 *Palestine into a Jewish state and an Arab state in a*  
7 *compromise embraced by leadership of the nascent Jewish*  
8 *state;*

9           *Whereas, On May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed*  
10 *the establishment of the independent State of Israel, and*  
11 *President Harry Truman of the United States became the first*  
12 *world leader to recognize Israel's provisional government as*  
13 *the legitimate authority in the area allotted to it;*

14           *Whereas, The uninterrupted dream of the Jewish people to*  
15 *reestablish their independent state was directly linked to the*  
16 *historic sovereignty in the Land of Israel, which was first*  
17 *established 3,000 years ago with the city of Jerusalem as its*  
18 *capital;*

19           *Whereas, For over 2,000 years, Jews living in various parts*

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1 *of the world maintained a profound spiritual and emotional*  
2 *connection to the Land of Israel while a Jewish presence*  
3 *continued to persist in the land comprising the modern State of*  
4 *Israel;*

5 *Whereas, The State of Israel provided a refuge to Jews who*  
6 *survived the destruction of much of the European Jewry during*  
7 *the Holocaust;*

8 *Whereas, Israel has provided the opportunity for millions*  
9 *of Jews from all over the world, including immigrants fleeing*  
10 *antisemitism and oppression, to make new lives in their ancient*  
11 *homeland;*

12 *Whereas, Since its establishment 75 years ago, the modern*  
13 *State of Israel has rebuilt the nation, forged a new and dynamic*  
14 *society, and created a thriving economic, political, cultural,*  
15 *and intellectual life despite the heavy burdens of war and*  
16 *terrorism;*

17 *Whereas, In the spirit of Israel's Declaration of*  
18 *Independence, the nation's people have established a vibrant,*  
19 *pluralistic, democratic political system which includes freedom*  
20 *of speech, association, and religion, a vigorously free press,*  
21 *free, fair, and open elections, the rule of law, a fully*  
22 *independent judiciary, rights for the LGBTQ+ community, and*  
23 *other democratic principles and practices;*

24 *Whereas, Israel has developed an advanced,*  
25 *entrepreneurial economy, has one of the world's leading*  
26 *technological industries, has developed some of the world's*  
27 *leading universities and hospitals, and is at the forefront of*  
28 *research and development in the fields of renewable energy*  
29 *sources and medicine;*

30 *Whereas, Israel has been able to expand its peaceful*  
31 *relations across the Middle East to now include the United*  
32 *Arab Emirates, Morocco, Bahrain, and Sudan;*



1           *Whereas, Since the founding of the modern State of Israel,*  
2           *the United States, Indiana, and Israel have maintained a*  
3           *special relationship based on mutually shared democratic and*  
4           *moral values, common strategic interests, as well as bonds of*  
5           *friendship and mutual respect; and*

6           *Whereas, The United States and Indiana continue to regard*  
7           *Israel as a trusted ally and vital strategic partner in the Middle*  
8           *East: Therefore,*

9                                 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
10                                *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

11           SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes and  
12           applauds the historical significance of the 75th anniversary of  
13           the establishment of the sovereign and independent State of  
14           Israel and commends the people of Israel for their achievements  
15           in building a pluralistic, democratic society in the face of  
16           terrorism, hostility, ostracism, and belligerence from many of  
17           their neighbors.

18           SECTION 2. That the Indiana Senate reaffirms and  
19           commits to strengthening the bonds between Indiana and the  
20           State of Israel.

21           SECTION 3. That the Indiana Senate reaffirms its support  
22           for Israel's right to defend itself against threats to its security  
23           and existence as the country pursues peace with its neighbors.

24           SECTION 4. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
25           to transmit copies of this Resolution to Yinan Cohen, Consul  
26           General of Israel to the Midwest.

