

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 9999

By: Wallace of the House
and
Pugh of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution expressing support to the
State of Israel.

WHEREAS, the Jewish people established the sovereign and
independent State of Israel on May 14, 1948, and the United States
of America under the leadership of President Harry S. Truman
immediately recognized and established full diplomatic relations
with Israel; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel provided a safe refuge for those
who survived the near destruction of European Jewry during the
Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, Israel opened its doors to Jews from all corners of the
globe fleeing anti-Semitism and oppression in such countries as
Ethiopia, the former Soviet Union, Argentina, Syria, Iraq, and Iran
and continues to do so; and

1 WHEREAS, as an outcome of the Abraham Accords, Israel's peaceful
2 relations across the Middle East now expand beyond Egypt and Jordan
3 to include the United Arab Emirates, Morocco, Bahrain, and Sudan;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, though Israel is one of the world's smallest countries,
6 it boasts a sophisticated, entrepreneurial economy, is consistently
7 on the cutting-edge of technological advancement, and stands at the
8 forefront of the most innovative research and development in the
9 fields of renewable energy sources, cybersecurity, water management,
10 medicine, and more; and

11 WHEREAS, Israel is often the first to send humanitarian aid,
12 search and rescue teams, field hospitals, and other emergency
13 supplies to places reeling from natural disasters or responding to
14 tragedy around the world including Turkey, Ukraine, Haiti, Japan,
15 Nepal, Florida, and our own State of Oklahoma; and

16 WHEREAS, continued cooperation and collaboration between Israel
17 and the United States is vital, especially in the context of rising
18 anti-Semitism, authoritarianism, and security concerns in Europe,
19 the Middle East, and North Africa; and

20 WHEREAS, the Sooner State in concert with the Oklahoma Israel
21 Exchange (OKIE) has been a steadfast supporter of the unshakeable
22 bond between Israel and the United States; and

23 WHEREAS, the people of Oklahoma and the people of Israel have
24 cultivated a warm, unique, and mutually beneficial relationship
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1 based on a shared pioneering spirit, common interests, respect,
2 resiliency, and a commitment to help those in need; and

3 WHEREAS, the ties between the State of Oklahoma and Israel are
4 reflected in the many political, cultural, economic, academic, and
5 agricultural exchanges such as those fostered by OKIE that
6 contribute to both our peoples.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
9 CONCURRING THEREIN:

10 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature is honored to recognize the people
11 of Israel on this milestone occasion of the 75th anniversary of
12 Israel's independence.

13 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature extends its collective goodwill
14 and best wishes to the State of Israel and its people for a peaceful
15 and prosperous future.

16 THAT on April 26, 2023, which is the 5th day of Iyar on the
17 Hebrew calendar and the date known in Hebrew as Yom HaAtzmaut or
18 Israel's Independence Day, we celebrate the historic significance of
19 the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the sovereign and
20 independent State of Israel.

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