
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MASTRIANO, ROTHMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, CULVER,
HUTCHINSON, ARGALL AND DUSH, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 75th anniversary of Israel's independence and
2 Pennsylvania's partnership with the nation of Israel.

3 WHEREAS, Since 1948, Pennsylvania has shared close cultural,
4 religious, economic and military ties with Israel; and

5 WHEREAS, The Capital of Israel is Jerusalem, a city that is
6 sacred ground for millions of Pennsylvanians; and

7 WHEREAS, In June 1997, Governor Tom Ridge signed
8 Pennsylvania's first cooperative agreement with Israel with the
9 objective of the five-year pact being to "seek to enhance
10 technological research and economic development as well as to
11 increase cultural awareness in order to promote a deeper
12 understanding of shared values through the economy, arts,
13 technology and education"; and

14 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth exports more than \$314 million
15 worth of manufacturing goods to Israel; and

16 WHEREAS, Since 1996, this Commonwealth's exports to Israel
17 have totaled more than \$5.1 billion resulting in Israel ranking
18 Pennsylvania as Israel's 26th leading trade partner and securing

1 Pennsylvania's rank as ninth in this nation in exports to
2 Israel; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2016, the General Assembly passed Act 163 that
4 prohibits this Commonwealth from contracting with an entity that
5 engages in any radical boycott, divestment and sanction
6 activities against Israel; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 2007, hundreds of Pennsylvania National Guard
8 troops have deployed to the Sinai Peninsula as part of an
9 ongoing international peacekeeping mission to ensure that the
10 1978 Camp David Accords peace agreement between Egypt and Israel
11 is upheld; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the 75th anniversary of
13 Israel's independence and Pennsylvania's partnership with the
14 nation of Israel.