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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 14, 2018, or 29th of Iyar, 5778, as the 70th  
2 anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel.

3 WHEREAS, The land of Israel is the birthplace of the Jewish  
4 people and, despite Jewish exile, the land remains the place  
5 where their religious, spiritual and national identity was  
6 formed; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1897, the First Zionist Congress proclaimed the  
8 right of the Jewish people to national revival in their own  
9 country, a right acknowledged in 1917 by the Balfour Declaration  
10 and later reaffirmed by the League of Nations; and

11 WHEREAS, The atrocities of the Nazi Holocaust and the death  
12 of millions of Jews in Europe reestablished and refocused the  
13 need for an independent Jewish state; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1947, the General Assembly of the United Nations  
15 adopted a resolution calling for the establishment of an  
16 independent Jewish state in Palestine and directed inhabitants  
17 of the country to take actions facilitating the resolution; and

1       WHEREAS, The members of the National Council representing the  
2 Jewish people in Palestine and the Zionist movement of the world  
3 met and issued a Declaration of Israel's Independence on May 14,  
4 1948; and

5       WHEREAS, In a relatively brief time and despite difficult  
6 challenges relating to issues of peace and security, Israel has  
7 emerged from a fledgling state to one with a successful  
8 democracy, strong economy and powerful military; therefore be it

9       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 14, 2018, or 29th of  
10 Iyar, 5778, as the 70th anniversary of the birth of the State of  
11 Israel.