

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1029

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution supporting the Nation of
8 Israel and congratulating Israel on the sixty-fourth
9 anniversary of its founding; and directing
10 distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, the land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish
13 people. Here their spiritual, religious, and national identity was
14 formed. Here they achieved independence and created a culture of
15 national and universal significance. Here they wrote and gave the
16 Bible to the world; and

17 WHEREAS, exiled from Israel, the Jewish people remained faithful
18 to Israel in all the countries of their dispersion, never ceasing to
19 pray and hope for their return and the restoration of their national
20 freedom; and

21 WHEREAS, the Jewish people historically have been a persecuted
22 people from the ancient time of Moses, culminating in the twentieth
23 century Nazi Holocaust which engulfed millions of Jews in Europe,
24 and proving anew the urgency of the reestablishment of the Jewish

1 state, which would solve the problem of Jewish homelessness by
2 opening the gates to all Jews and lifting the Jewish people to
3 equality in the family of nations; and

4 WHEREAS, the struggle to remain a strong country, whole,
5 complete and free from partition and free from terrorism and
6 oppression continues today; and

7 WHEREAS, in November 1947, a great travesty was righted when the
8 United Nations voted to partition Palestine and create a Jewish
9 state; and

10 WHEREAS, under the leadership of David Ben Gurion, the Nation of
11 Israel was established on May 14, 1948, and has had to defend
12 herself and her right to exist since her founding; and

13 WHEREAS, Israel declares that she will be open to the
14 immigration of Jews from all countries of their dispersion; will
15 promote the development of the country for the benefit of all her
16 inhabitants; will be based on the precepts of liberty, justice, and
17 peace taught by the Hebrew prophets; will uphold the full social and
18 political equality of all her citizens, without distinction of race,
19 creed, or sex; will guarantee full freedom of conscience, worship,
20 education, and culture; and will safeguard the sanctity and
21 inviolability of the shrines and holy places of all religions; and

22 WHEREAS, Israel is the only democratic state in the region and
23 this year marks the sixty-fourth anniversary of the founding of this
24 nation.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature does hereby declare that it stands
5 with Israel and the Jewish people in their right to live in freedom,
6 free of terrorism in the safe and secure borders of their
7 forefathers.

8 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature does hereby commend Israel for her
9 contribution to humankind, particularly in the fields of science and
10 medicine and further calls on the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to
11 continue to bless Israel.

12 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature does hereby congratulate the
13 Nation of Israel on the occasion of the sixty-fourth anniversary of
14 the founding of the nation.

15 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Israeli Air
16 Force Major Avi Smovich, Meir Shlomo, Ambassador and Consul General
17 of Israel to the Southwest, the Chabbad Jewish Center, the Emanuel
18 Synagogue, the Jewish Federation-Greater Oklahoma, Temple B'nai
19 Israel, Hillel Jewish Student Center, Kehilat ROSH Pinah and the
20 Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C.

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