

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 11

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending the Nation of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Israel has been granted her lands under and through the oldest recorded deed, as recorded in the Old Testament, a tome of scripture held sacred and revered by Jews and Christians alike as presenting the acts and words of God; and

WHEREAS, the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel has remained constant throughout the past 4,000 years of history; and

WHEREAS, the legal basis for the establishment of the modern State of Israel was a binding resolution under international law, which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, this resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the

1 Land of Israel including the areas of Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Article 80 of the United Nations Charter recognized the
4 continued validity of the rights granted to states or peoples which
5 already existed under international instruments, and, therefore, the
6 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid, and the 650,000
7 Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern
8 Jerusalem reside there legitimately; and

9 WHEREAS, Israel declared its independence and self-governance on
10 May 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing its God-given and
11 legally recognized lands as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States, having been the first country to
13 recognize Israel as an independent nation and as Israel's principal
14 ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial relationship with
15 Israel and her people; and

16 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United
17 States in the Middle East and the values of the two nations are so
18 intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the other;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, there are those in the Middle East who have continually
21 sought to destroy Israel from the time of its inception as a state,
22 and those same enemies of Israel also hate and seek to destroy the
23 United States; and

1 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma and Israel have enjoyed cordial
2 and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that
3 continues to strengthen with each passing year.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
5 OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

6 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Israel for its cordial
7 and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with
8 the State of Oklahoma and supports Israel in its legal, historical,
9 moral, and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense upon
10 the entirety of its own lands, recognizing that Israel is neither an
11 attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others, and that
12 peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united
13 Israel.

14 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Jewish
15 Federation - Greater Oklahoma and the Israeli Embassy in Washington,
16 D.C.

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