



## **TEMPLATE - ISRAEL@75 DRAFT RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATION**

### **FOR STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

#### ***Congratulating the State of Israel on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the people of the United States and Israel***

WHEREAS, 2023 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the modern State of Israel which was created on May 14, 1948; and

WHEREAS, The State of Israel will celebrate this year's Independence Day, (*Yom Ha'atzmaut*), on April 26, 2023, the 5th day of the Hebrew month of Iyar, with "Israel at 75" celebrations around the world also marking this important anniversary; and

WHEREAS, over thousands of years, exiled from the Land of Israel, the Jewish People never yielded their identity or their attachment to their homeland:

WHEREAS, through the framework of modern Zionism, under the leadership of Theodor Herzl, the Jewish people affirmed their desire to reestablish a Jewish homeland in the Land of Israel; and

WHEREAS, the modern State of Israel was created just a few years after the Holocaust and World War II, where the death of six million Jews did not eliminate the will of a people to seek dignity in life and a place of respect and recognition among the people of the world;

WHEREAS, in its Declaration of Independence, the State of Israel committed itself to the high ideals to: foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; to be based on the precepts of liberty, justice, and peace; to ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; to guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education, and culture; and to safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and

WHEREAS, through its historic Law of Return, Israel became a center for the ingathering of exiles, including the remnants of European Jewry that had survived the Holocaust, and, to this day, a haven for Jewish refugees suffering from persecution and discrimination around the world; and



WHEREAS, the State of Israel has become a source of agricultural, industrial, technological, academic, and cultural achievement and creativity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel has formed many strategic partnerships with the United States and developed a relationship valued by both countries; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the State of Israel has and continues to face challenges to its safety and security aimed to destroy the Zionist dream of self-determination of the Jewish people in their historic homeland, with Jerusalem as their capital;

WHEREAS, the principles of Zionism remain an integral and core component of the identity of the American Jewish community, and therefore anti-Zionist statements and actions, denying the right of the Jewish People to self-determination in, and the legitimacy of the existence of, the State of Israel are antisemitic; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that (STATE/CITY/COUNTY NAME) affirms its support for Israel as the manifestation of the Zionist dream and congratulates the State of Israel on the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its independence and in tribute proclaims (DATE) as “Israel 75 Day”.

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**Note: Please consider adding wording above regarding any unique state or local history with, and connection to, the State of Israel.**

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