

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 129

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Recognizes 75th anniversary of establishment of State of Israel.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** recognizing the 75th anniversary of the
2 establishment of the State of Israel.

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4 **WHEREAS**, The United Nations General Assembly paved the way to
5 the creation of the State of Israel; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The 75th anniversary of Israel's independence was
7 observed on April 25, 2023, the 5th day of Iyar on the Hebrew
8 calendar; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The search for freedom from oppression and
10 discrimination and a new life borne out of the tragic ashes of the
11 Holocaust led a people to advocate for a place to call home, the
12 modern State of Israel; and

13 **WHEREAS**, While Israel has endured from its inception threats to its
14 autonomy and security, the people of Israel have maintained the
15 courage to build a vibrant, dynamic, and forward-looking nation
16 that values cultural and ethnic diversity; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Israel continues to thrive in the face of adversity by
18 sharing with the world innovations and achievements in agriculture,
19 education, and technology, and advancements in solar, wind, and
20 water power, music, and the arts, and by providing humanitarian aid
21 internationally to people in need; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Israel shares a very special partnership with the State of
23 New Jersey highlighted by the creation of the New Jersey-Israel
24 Commission which has strengthened the area of economic,
25 technological, and people-to-people exchanges to the benefit of
26 each entity through agreements such as Choose New Jersey and the
27 Jerusalem Development Authority Bilateral Business Cooperation;
28 and

29 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey-Israel partnership includes current
30 educational institutional collaborations between Rutgers and Tel
31 Aviv Universities, New Jersey Institute of Technology and Be'er
32 Sheva's Ben Gurion University, Rowan University and the
33 Jerusalem College of Technology, as well as sister city
34 relationships such as the ones between Jersey City and Beit
35 Shemesh, and East Brunswick and Yavneh; and

36 **WHEREAS**, Israel has been a steadfast friend and faithful ally of the
37 United States over the past seven and a half decades; and

38 **WHEREAS**, Given the close ideological, economic, and cultural ties
39 between the State of Israel and the United States of America, as
40 well as between the State of Israel and the State of New Jersey, the
41 Legislature of the State of New Jersey finds it fitting and proper to
42 recognize the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the State of
43 Israel; now, therefore,

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45 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
46 *State of New Jersey:*

1 1. The Legislature of the State of New Jersey recognizes the
2 historic significance of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of
3 the independent modern State of Israel and commends the people of
4 Israel for their remarkable achievements in building a new state and
5 a pluralistic democratic society in the Middle East. The State of
6 New Jersey reaffirms the bonds of friendship and cooperation
7 which have existed between New Jersey and Israel for 75 years and
8 recommits to strengthening the existing partnership and supporting
9 Israel in its quest for peace with its neighbors and the countries in
10 the region.

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12 2. The State of New Jersey extends congratulations to the State
13 of Israel and its citizens on the 75th anniversary of nationhood.

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15 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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20 April 25, 2023 marked the 75th anniversary of the establishment
21 of the State of Israel. New Jersey commends the people of Israel
22 for their remarkable achievements in building a new state and a
23 pluralistic democratic society in the Middle East and reaffirms the
24 bonds of friendship and cooperation which have existed between
25 New Jersey and Israel for more than seven decades. New Jersey
26 recommits to working with Israel in its quest for peace with its
27 neighbors and the countries in the region.