

1                   **JOINT RESOLUTION STRENGTHENING UTAH-ISRAEL**  
2                                   **RELATIONS**

3                                   2012 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble**

6                                   House Sponsor: Patrice M. Arent

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8   **LONG TITLE**

9   **General Description:**

10           This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the Governor to further strengthen the  
11   bonds between the nation of Israel and the state of Utah by embarking on a trade  
12   mission to the nation of Israel.

13   **Highlighted Provisions:**

14           This resolution:

- 15           ▶ recognizes the strong cultural, economic, military, and security bonds that exist  
16   between the nation of Israel and the state of Utah; and
- 17           ▶ urges Governor Herbert to further strengthen the bonds between the nation of Israel  
18   and the state of Utah by embarking on a trade mission to Israel to experience  
19   first-hand the enhanced opportunities for economic cooperation and job growth  
20   resulting from the relationship between Utah and the nation of Israel.

21   **Special Clauses:**

22           None

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24   *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

25           WHEREAS, from the time that Orson Hyde, an original member of the Quorum of the  
26   Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, served a mission in  
27   Jerusalem from 1841-42, to the present, there has existed a strong bond between the Jewish



28 people and the pioneers who settled Utah;

29 WHEREAS, both Utah and Israel share a love of democracy and human rights, as both  
30 were founded in part to serve as a safe haven for those seeking to avoid religious persecution;

31 WHEREAS, the citizens of both Utah and Israel have a strong passion for helping those  
32 in need and engage in vigorous efforts to help less fortunate nations and engage in disaster  
33 relief efforts in nations such as Haiti;

34 WHEREAS, Utah universities have flourished partially through binational foundation  
35 grants with Israel and have received grants totaling more than \$3 million through these  
36 foundations;

37 WHEREAS, disciplines covered by these grants include agriculture, science, and  
38 industrial research;

39 WHEREAS, the Brigham Young University Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies,  
40 with its location on Mount Scopus, provides a unique curriculum while also allowing students  
41 from Utah the opportunity to explore Israel;

42 WHEREAS, beyond the classroom, the viability of the economic partnership between  
43 Utah and Israel is flourishing;

44 WHEREAS, Israel now ranks 24th in Utah exports, with a 29% increase from 2009;

45 WHEREAS, in 2010 alone, Utah exported about \$58,717,215 worth of manufactured  
46 goods to Israel;

47 WHEREAS, since 1996, total exports to Israel have reached nearly \$500 million;

48 WHEREAS, The United States Government-funded military contract with Israel,  
49 through the Foreign Military Financing program, provided Utah with \$2,423,987 in military  
50 contracts in 2010;

51 WHEREAS, this specific security cooperation may also be seen in a Tel Aviv-based  
52 and developed digital monitoring system used at the Salt Lake City International Airport in  
53 Utah, protecting patrons from crime and terrorism;

54 WHEREAS, Utah law enforcement participates in Israel-based homeland security  
55 training to learn about evolving threats and how to face them;

56 WHEREAS, Utah's security abilities have been greatly enhanced by learning from  
57 Israel's counter-terrorism experience; and

58 WHEREAS, the economic, cultural, military, and security bonds between Utah and

59 Israel stand firm:

60           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
61 recognizes the strong cultural and economic bonds that exist between the nation of Israel and  
62 the state of Utah.

63           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Governor Herbert to further  
64 strengthen the bonds between the nation of Israel and the state of Utah by embarking on a trade  
65 mission to Israel to experience first-hand the enhanced opportunities for economic cooperation  
66 and job growth resulting from the relationship between and the nation of Israel and the state of  
67 Utah.

68           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of  
69 Israel and to the Governor of Utah.

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