

1                   **STANDING WITH ISRAEL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

2   2013 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

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

5                                   House Sponsor: Ken Ivory

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9                   This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes Israel's legal,  
10 historical, moral, and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12                   This resolution:

- 13                   ▶ commends Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United
- 14 States and with the state of Utah;
- 15                   ▶ expresses support for Israel in its legal, historical, moral, and God-given right of
- 16 self-governance and self-defense upon the entirety of its own lands; and
- 17                   ▶ recognizes that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of
- 18 others, and that peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united
- 19 Israel.

20 **Special Clauses:**

21                   None

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23 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

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

27                   WHEREAS, the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel has remained



28 constant throughout the past 4,000 years;

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

32 WHEREAS, this resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home for the  
33 Jewish people in the historical region of the land of Israel, including the areas Judea, Samaria,  
34 and Jerusalem;

35 WHEREAS, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognized the continued validity  
36 of the rights granted to states or peoples that already existed under international instruments;

37 WHEREAS, the 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid, and the 650,000  
38 Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem reside there  
39 legitimately;

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

43 WHEREAS, the United States, having been the first nation to recognize Israel as an  
44 independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial  
45 relationship with Israel and her people;

46 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East  
47 and the two countries enjoy strong bonds to common values;

48 WHEREAS, there are those in the Middle East who, since the time of Israel's inception  
49 as a state, have continually sought to destroy Israel;

50 WHEREAS, those same enemies of Israel also hate and seek to destroy the United  
51 States; and

52 WHEREAS, Utah and Israel have enjoyed a cordial and mutually beneficial  
53 relationship since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
55 Governor concurring therein, commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial  
56 relationship with the United States and with the state of Utah.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express support  
58 for Israel in its legal, historical, moral, and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense

59 upon the entirety of its own lands.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize that  
61 Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others, and that peace can be  
62 afforded the region only through a whole and united Israel.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Embassy of  
64 Israel to the United States, the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United  
65 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of  
66 Utah's congressional delegation.

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