

## 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 48

Primary Sponsor: White Co-Sponsor(s): Jones and Hellman Date: 4/31/23

**Whereas:** the State of Israel officially declared its independence on May 14, 1948, marking a significant milestone in the history of the Jewish people; and

**Whereas:** the State of Israel has since flourished, overcoming numerous challenges and making substantial advancements in various fields, including technology, agriculture, medicine, and the arts; and

**Whereas:** Israel has served as a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship, making groundbreaking contributions to global scientific research, technological advancements, and cybersecurity; and

**Whereas:** Israel's rich cultural heritage, including its diverse traditions, cuisine, music, and arts, has enriched the global cultural landscape and has been embraced by communities worldwide; and

**Whereas:** the bond between the United States and Israel has been characterized by mutual respect, shared values, and extensive cooperation in various fields, including defense, education, and research; and

**Whereas:** the Florida State University Student Government Association values diversity, inclusion, and the celebration of different cultures, and recognizes the importance of commemorating significant historical events that have shaped our world;

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: We hereby celebrate and acknowledge the seventy-fifth anniversary of the State of Israel's establishment, recognizing it as a remarkable achievement in the history of the Jewish people.

**Be it further resolved that:** This body acknowledges the strong bond between the United States and Israel, appreciating the shared values and extensive cooperation that have positively influenced both nations.

**Be it further resolved that:** This body encourages the Florida State University community to engage in educational and cultural activities that promote understanding and appreciation of Israeli and Jewish history, culture, and achievements.

**Be it further resolved that:** This body expresses our support for fostering an environment on campus that encourages dialogue, respect, and inclusivity among individuals with diverse backgrounds, including those who identify with or have connections to Israel.

**Be it further resolved that:** This body calls upon the Florida State University administration to explore opportunities for academic and cultural exchanges between our institution and Israeli universities, with the aim of fostering mutual understanding and collaboration.

**Be it further resolved that:** This body affirms our commitment to upholding the principles of diversity, inclusivity, and respect for all individuals, regardless of their national or cultural backgrounds.

**Be it further resolved that:** This body encourages the Florida State University community to participate in events and initiatives that celebrate Israel's seventy-fifth anniversary and to engage in constructive dialogue about its history, achievements, and challenges.

Be it lastly further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Governance and Advocacy Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President Nina Chong, Student Body Vice President Adam Bowling, Student Body Treasurer Jesse Feld, Executive Director for FSU Hillel Amanda Press, Jewish Student Executive Director

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**Student Senate President** 

SENATE VOTE: PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT PASSED: June 28th, 2023