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**No. 63**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Recognizes 70th anniversary of establishment of State of Israel.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly State and Local Government Committee on April 5, 2018, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 4/13/2018)

1    **A JOINT RESOLUTION** recognizing the 70th anniversary of the  
2       establishment of the State of Israel.  
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4    <sup>1</sup>**WHEREAS**, On November 29, 1947, the United Nations General  
5       Assembly voted to partition the British Mandate of Palestine and,  
6       through that vote, to create the State of Israel; and  
7    **WHEREAS**, April 20, 2018, the 5th day of Iyar of the Hebrew calendar,  
8       marks the 70th anniversary of Israel’s independence; and  
9    **WHEREAS**, The modern State of Israel was born out of the ashes of the  
10       Holocaust and World War II where the death of six million Jews  
11       did not eliminate the will of a people to seek dignity in life and a  
12       place of respect and recognition among the people of the civilized  
13       world; and  
14    **WHEREAS**, Israel, from its inception, has faced hostility and has  
15       endured terrorist attacks which have indiscriminately killed many  
16       innocent men, women, and children; and  
17    **WHEREAS**, Despite hostility and conflicts, the people of Israel have  
18       built a strong nation and forged a dynamic society, creating a  
19       unique and vital economic, political, cultural, and intellectual life  
20       for its citizens; and  
21    **WHEREAS**, In its 70 years of statehood, Israel has established a  
22       modern parliamentary democracy, becoming one of the most  
23       successful democracies in the Middle East, and provided to all its  
24       citizens and residents opportunity through the highest standards of  
25       living and human equality in a region otherwise beset with poverty  
26       and human rights abuses; and  
27    **WHEREAS**, Israel continues to strive for peace and security for the  
28       nation, its neighbors, and throughout the world shares innovations  
29       and achievements in agriculture, education, research and  
30       development, humanitarian aid, technology, solar, wind, and water  
31       power advancements, music and the arts in order to fulfill the  
32       prophecy of becoming a light unto the nations; and  
33    **WHEREAS**, Israel, a nation the size of New Jersey, shares a very  
34       special partnership with New Jersey state, highlighted by, among  
35       other things of mutual benefits, a trading partnership of more than  
36       \$1.6 billion relationships and new Jersey’s enactment of both Iran  
37       sanctions and anti-Israel boycott legislation; and  
38    **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey–Israel relationship has strengthened in the  
39       area of economic, technological, and people-to-people exchanges to  
40       the benefit of each entity; and  
41    **WHEREAS**, Israel has been a steadfast friend and faithful ally of the  
42       United States over the past seven decades; and  
43    **WHEREAS**, Given the close political, economic, and cultural ties  
44       between the State of Israel and the United States of America as well  
45       as between the State of Israel and the State of New Jersey, the

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined **thus** is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly ASL committee amendments adopted April 5, 2018.

1     Governor and the Legislature find it fitting and proper to recognize  
2     the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel;  
3     now, therefore.】<sup>1</sup>  
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47    Governor and the Legislature find it fitting and proper to recognize

1 the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel;  
2 now, therefore,<sup>1</sup>

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
5 *State of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The Governor and the Legislature <sup>1</sup>~~recognizes~~ recognize<sup>1</sup>  
8 the historic significance of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of  
9 the sovereign and independent modern State of Israel and commend  
10 the people of Israel for their remarkable achievements in building a  
11 new state and a pluralistic democratic society in the Middle East. The  
12 Governor and the Legislature of the State of New Jersey reaffirm the  
13 bonds of friendship and cooperation which have existed between New  
14 Jersey and Israel for seven decades and recommit to working with  
15 Israel in its quest for peace with its neighbors and the countries in the  
16 region.

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18 2. The Governor and the Legislature extend congratulations to  
19 the State of Israel and its citizens on the 70th anniversary of its  
20 establishment.

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22 3. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
23 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the  
24 Secretary of the Senate to Israel's ambassador to the United States  
25 and its ambassador to the United Nations.

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27 4. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.