
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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APRIL 30, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 30, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 14, 2019, as "Israel Independence Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The land of Israel is the birthplace of the Jewish
4 people and, despite Jewish exile, the land remains the place
5 where their religious, spiritual and national identity was
6 formed; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1897, the First Zionist Congress proclaimed the
8 right of the Jewish people to national revival in their own
9 country, a right acknowledged in 1917 by the Balfour Declaration
10 and later reaffirmed in the Mandate of the League of Nations;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The atrocities of the Nazi Holocaust and the deaths
13 of millions of Jews in Europe reestablished and refocused the
14 need for an independent Jewish state; and

15 WHEREAS, The members of the National Council representing the

1 Jewish people in Palestine and the Zionist movement of the world
2 met and issued a Declaration of Israel's Independence on May 14,
3 1948; and

4 WHEREAS, On the same day, the President of the United States,
5 Harry S. Truman, recognized the provisional Jewish government as
6 de facto authority of the Jewish state; and

7 WHEREAS, This date is celebrated as Independence Day, a
8 national holiday in Israel with celebrations and observations to
9 commemorate this momentous occasion in establishing the State of
10 Israel; and

11 WHEREAS, In a relatively brief time and despite difficult
12 challenges relating to the issues of peace and security, Israel
13 has emerged from a fledgling state to one with a successful
14 democracy, a strong economy and a powerful military; therefore
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 14,
17 2019, as "Israel Independence Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That all residents of this Commonwealth recognize
20 the struggles of the Israeli people for freedom in their
21 homeland.