
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY COHEN, ITKIN, PIEVSKY, WAMBACH, JOSEPHS,
PRESSMANN, FREEMAN, FOX, HAGARTY, NAHILL, ROEBUCK, ACOSTA,
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APRIL 13, 1988

ADOPTED, APRIL 13, 1988

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 22, 1988, as "Israel Independence Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, After World War II, large numbers of Jewish
4 refugees, uprooted by the war and Hitler's Holocaust, sought to
5 emigrate to Palestine, their ancestral home; and

6 WHEREAS, To avoid open Arab-Jewish conflict, the newly formed
7 United Nations partitioned British-held Palestine between the
8 Arabs and the Jews; and

9 WHEREAS, On May 13, 1948, the British completed their
10 withdrawal by lifting their naval blockade, and Jewish emigres
11 streamed into Palestine; and

12 WHEREAS, On May 14, 1948, with the British gone, the State of
13 Israel was proclaimed; and

14 WHEREAS, Although Israel has been embroiled in conflict since
15 its establishment, Israel's existence is a continuing source of
16 pride and inspiration for the 400,000 Jews in Pennsylvania, the
17 6,000,000 Jews in the United States and the millions more Jews

1 around the World; and

2 WHEREAS, Israel Consul General David Ben Dov addressed the
3 House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on
4 April 11, 1988, to mark the 40th Anniversary of the State of
5 Israel; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby designates April 22, 1988,
8 as "Israel Independence Day" in Pennsylvania.