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4 SJR___ AFFIRMING THE STATE OF ALABAMA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT OF
5 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN RECOGNIZING ISRAEL AS A
6 SOVEREIGN NATION.

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8 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of World War II, the United
9 States, along with the United Nations, recognized a need for
10 the Jewish People to reestablish their historic homeland; in
11 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted for the
12 establishment of two states in Palestine and the United
13 States supported the relocation of Holocaust survivors to
14 Palestine; and

15 WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, at midnight, the
16 Provisional Government of Israel proclaimed a new State of
17 Israel; President Harry Truman, on the same date, became the
18 first leader of a nation to recognize Israel as a sovereign
19 government and authority of the Jewish state; and

20 WHEREAS, since 1948, the United States, and the State
21 of Alabama, have continued to recognize the State of Israel
22 as an independent nation; and

23 WHEREAS, most recently, President Donald Trump
24 relocated the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, thereby recognizing
25 the city as the capital of Israel; and

26 WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with a charter, including
27 stated goals of the destruction of Israel and murder of
28 Jews, and has been designated by the United States and many



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other nations as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a massive unprovoked war on Israel by air, land, and sea, firing thousands of rockets into the civilian population, and launching a planned genocidal rampage murdering and abducting Jews by raiding civilian homes and streets, slaughtering innocent men, women, children, babies, the elderly, and families with extreme cruelty, including gang-rape, sexual violence, torture, mutilation, execution, decapitation, burning alive, and other unspeakable acts; and

WHEREAS, targeting the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War, the October 7, 2023, attacks represent the deadliest and most savage assault and brutal massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, including vicious atrocities, shocking barbarism, and vile crimes against humanity, and Hamas officials have publicly stated it is only the first of more to come; and

WHEREAS, Alabama and Israel share a commitment to deeply held common values from the history of each shaped greatly through the influence of Biblical faith, in addition to many nationally shared values as the only democratic ally of the United States in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is an unequivocal supporter of the State of Israel and its right to defend itself against terror, aggression, and threat to the safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is committed to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel and



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57 supports its legal, historical, and moral right to
58 independence and self-determination in the ancestral
59 homeland of the Jewish People; and

60 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes that all
61 life is sacred, and every life lost is tragic and to be
62 avoided, and remains committed to a future where the State
63 of Israel and all her neighbors can live in peace, with
64 mutual recognition of each other's dignity and sovereignty;
65 and

66 WHEREAS, state officials and institutions have a
67 responsibility to protect citizens from acts of hate and
68 bigotry motivated by discriminatory animus and must be given
69 the tools to do so; and

70 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
71 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body continues to
72 support the United States in its affirmation of the
73 independent and sovereign Nation of Israel and:

74 (a) Honors the memory of the innocent lives lost and
75 commits to never forget the unwarranted and unjustified
76 vicious assault on Israel and the Jewish People on October
77 7, 2023.

78 (b) Condemns Hamas and all those who support their
79 violent, genocidal, and hateful acts - globally, in the
80 United States, and in the State of Alabama.

81 (c) Reaffirms unequivocal support for the State of
82 Israel as a Jewish state, recognizes that the Jewish People
83 are indigenous to the land of Israel, condemns all attacks
84 on the people of Israel, supports Israel's right to engage



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85 in lawful acts of self-defense, opposes all attempts to
86 economically and politically isolate Israel within the
87 international arena, and opposes all efforts to assault the
88 legitimacy of Israel as the sovereign homeland of the Jewish
89 People.

90 (d) Stands with Israel and the Jewish People as they
91 defend themselves and ensure the future safety of the
92 Israeli people after the barbaric massacre and war initiated
93 by Hamas and others to brutally violate, terrorize,
94 slaughter, and ethnically cleanse the land of Jews.

95 (e) Rejects the claims that Jews are colonizers in
96 their ancestral homeland, or occupiers in the land to which
97 they are indigenous, with testimony including more than
98 3,000 years of archaeology and history.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and
passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

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By: Senator Orr