# Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1006

By: Wallace of the House

and

Pugh and Stephens of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution expressing support to the State of Israel.

WHEREAS, the Jewish people established the sovereign and independent State of Israel on May 14, 1948, and the United States of America under the leadership of President Harry S. Truman immediately recognized and established full diplomatic relations with Israel; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel provided a safe refuge for those who survived the near destruction of European Jewry during the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, Israel opened its doors to Jews from all corners of the globe fleeing anti-Semitism and oppression in such countries as Ethiopia, the former Soviet Union, Argentina, Syria, Iraq, and Iran and continues to do so; and

WHEREAS, as an outcome of the Abraham Accords, Israel's peaceful relations across the Middle East now expand beyond Egypt and Jordan to include the United Arab Emirates, Morocco, Bahrain, and Sudan; and

WHEREAS, though Israel is one of the world's smallest countries, it boasts a sophisticated, entrepreneurial economy, is consistently on the cutting-edge of technological advancement, and stands at the forefront of the most innovative research and development in the fields of renewable energy sources, cybersecurity, water management, medicine, and more; and

WHEREAS, Israel is often the first to send humanitarian aid, search and rescue teams, field hospitals, and other emergency supplies to places reeling from natural disasters or responding to tragedy around the world including Turkey, Ukraine, Haiti, Japan, Nepal, Florida, and our own State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, continued cooperation and collaboration between Israel and the United States is vital, especially in the context of rising anti-Semitism, authoritarianism, and security concerns in Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa; and

WHEREAS, the Sooner State in concert with the OKlahoma Israel Exchange (OKIE) has been a steadfast supporter of the unshakeable bond between Israel and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the people of Oklahoma and the people of Israel have cultivated a warm, unique, and mutually beneficial relationship based on a shared pioneering spirit, common interests, respect, resiliency, and a commitment to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, the ties between the State of Oklahoma and Israel are reflected in the many political, cultural, economic, academic, and agricultural exchanges such as those fostered by OKIE that contribute to both our peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature is honored to recognize the people of Israel on this milestone occasion of the 75th anniversary of Israel's independence.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature extends its collective goodwill and best wishes to the State of Israel and its people for a peaceful and prosperous future.

THAT on April 26, 2023, which is the 5th day of Iyar on the Hebrew calendar and the date known in Hebrew as Yom HaAtzmaut or Israel's Independence Day, we celebrate the historic significance of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 3rd day of May, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of May, 2023.

Brent Howard

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 4th day of May, 2023, at 10:13 o'clock A M.

By: Brian Bingman