



Resolution No. R2008-80

A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Founding of the Modern State of Israel.

Whereas, on November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted to partition the British Mandate of Palestine and create a Jewish state, and on May 14, 1948, the independent state of Israel was established and granted full diplomatic relations by the United States; and

Whereas, the Jewish people's desire for a modern state of Israel was based on the existence 3,000 years ago of the Kingdom of Israel, which had Jerusalem as its capital; and

Whereas, there has been continuous Jewish presence and residence on the land comprising the state of Israel for more than 2,000 years; and

Whereas, the establishment of Israel as a homeland for the Jewish people followed the slaughter of more than 6 million European Jews during the Holocaust; and

Whereas, since its establishment 60 years ago, Israel has rebuilt a nation, forged a new and dynamic democratic society and created a thriving economic, political, cultural and intellectual life, despite the heavy costs of war and terrorism; and

Whereas, Israel has absorbed millions of Jews from throughout the world and fully integrated them into Israeli society; and

Whereas, the American people feel a strong affinity for the Israeli people based on common values and shared cultural heritage, and the United States continues to regard Israel as a strong and trusted ally and strategic partner; **Now, Therefore,**

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Council of Pierce County:

The Pierce County Council recognizes the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern state of Israel and extends the warmest congratulations and best wishes to the Israeli people for a peaceful, prosperous and successful future.

ADOPTED this 13th day of May, 2008.

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ATTEST:

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