

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO**

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 5, 2022 AS THE 74TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE MODERN STATE
OF ISRAEL**

WHEREAS, May 5, 2022, which is the 4th of Iyar, 5782 in the Hebrew calendar, marks the 74th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, the desire of the Jewish people to reestablish an independent State of Israel is the outgrowth of the existence of the historic Kingdom of Israel established over 3,000 years ago in the city of Jerusalem in the land of Israel; and

WHEREAS, David Ben-Gurion's Declaration of Independence for Israel, made on May 14, 1948, fulfilled a spiritual yearning that had remained for over 2 millennia; and

WHEREAS, on the day that the British mandate over Palestine formally ended, the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel was signed and went into effect, the State of Israel was proclaimed and the United States recognized Israel and established full diplomatic relations; and

WHEREAS, the United States has played a critical role in the development of Israel and has been steadfast in its commitment to helping the people of Israel develop their own economy and secure their own peace; and

WHEREAS, the people of Maine have shared an affinity with the people of Israel and the bonds of friendship and cooperation that have existed between Israel and Maine for the past 74 years have enriched the cultural diversity of our State's tapestry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 5, 2022 as the 74th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel.