

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATOR HODGES

COMMENDATIONS. To commend Governor Yossi Dagan, governor of the Shomron (Samaria) Regional Council in Israel, and to declare and observe May 14, 2025 as International Declaration Day in Louisiana to commemorate the anniversary of Israel's Declaration of Independence.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Governor Yossi Dagan, governor of the Shomron (Samaria) Regional Council  
3 in Israel, for his efforts to strengthen Judea and Samaria and to declare and observe  
4 May 14, 2025 as International Declaration Day in Louisiana to commemorate the  
5 anniversary of Israel's Declaration of Independence.

6 WHEREAS, seventy-six years ago on May 14, 1948 at 6:11p.m., President Harry S.  
7 Truman led the world in support of the reborn Jewish homeland when he made the bold  
8 historic decision to recognize the newly declared State of Israel, just eleven minutes after its  
9 proclamation by Israel's first Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion who stood before the world  
10 and declared Jewish Independence, thereby ending two thousand years of exile and igniting  
11 a new era of hope and sovereignty for the biblical land of Israel; and

12 WHEREAS, May 14, 2025 serves as International Declaration Day that is a global  
13 initiative to commemorate the anniversary of Israel's Declaration of Independence and to  
14 celebrate a miracle that is two thousand years in the making; and

15 WHEREAS, Israel was originally and historically granted her lands under and  
16 through the oldest recorded deed, as provided in the Old Testament, a tome of scripture held  
17 sacred and revered by Jews and Christians alike as presenting the acts and words of God; and

18 WHEREAS, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob promised in Genesis 12:3 to bless

1 those that bless Israel, through the promise He made to Abraham: "And I will bless them that  
2 bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be  
3 blessed"; and

4 WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the provisional government of Israel proclaimed the  
5 rebirth of the State of Israel, thereby fulfilling the biblical prophesy in Isaiah 66:8 that the  
6 nation would be (re)born in a single day; and

7 WHEREAS, over the centuries the city of Jerusalem has come to symbolize the love  
8 of the Jewish people for their ancient homeland and on June 7, 1967, the third day of the Six  
9 Day War, soldiers of Israel's Defense Forces entered the old city of Jerusalem and reunited  
10 the city, thereby making Jerusalem once again an integral part of the Jewish state along with  
11 the other cities and towns within Judea and Samaria; and

12 WHEREAS, Louisiana has a special connection to Judea and Samaria, evidenced by  
13 the fact that many towns and cities across Louisiana bear the same names as those Biblical  
14 cities located in Judea and Samaria, such as Bethel, Hebron, and Shiloh; and

15 WHEREAS, many of the Israeli citizens living within the Biblical cities and towns  
16 located in Judea and Samaria have suffered from fear and heightened anxiety following the  
17 brutal massacre of Israeli citizens on October 7, 2023; and

18 WHEREAS, restoring the Jewish people to the land of Judea and Samaria in Israel  
19 is confirmed in the Bible as part of God's plan to bring the Jewish people from the ends of  
20 the earth back to their historical homeland in the State of Israel; and

21 WHEREAS, the October 7th massacre clearly showed that fortifying and  
22 strengthening the Jewish cities in Judea and Samaria is critical to the very security and future  
23 of the State of Israel; and

24 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby encourage all  
25 Louisiana citizens to observe and celebrate at 6:11p.m. on May 14, 2025, as International  
26 Declaration Day to commemorate the anniversary of Israel's Declaration of Independence.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
28 does hereby commend Governor Yossi Dagan, governor of the Shomron (Samaria) Regional  
29 Council in Israel, for his efforts to strengthen Judea and Samaria and to declare and observe  
30 May 14, 2025, as International Declaration Day in Louisiana to commemorate the

1 anniversary of Israel's Declaration of Independence.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

3 Governor Yossi Dagan, governor of the Shomron (Samaria) Regional Council in Israel.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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