



MEMORANDUM

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Date: May 8, 2008
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Re: Supplemental Request

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This memorandum is to authorize a Supplemental Item for the May13, 2008 agenda for the following:

Resolution recognizing the Nation of Israel's 60th Anniversary



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*Resolution of the Board of Supervisors
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May 13, 2008

Celebrating Israel's 60th Anniversary

On the motion of Supervisor Bill Campbell, duly seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel, and the United States government established full diplomatic relations with Israel; and

WHEREAS, the desire of the Jewish people to establish an independent modern State of Israel is an outgrowth of the existence of the historic kingdom of Israel established 3,000 years ago, with the city of Jerusalem as its capital; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the modern State of Israel as a homeland for the Jewish people followed the slaughter of more than 6,000,000 Jews during the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment 60 years ago, the modern State of Israel has built 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, terrorism, and unjustified diplomatic and economic boycotts against it; and

WHEREAS, over the last 60 years, Israel has developed some of the leading universities in the world; the nation has the third largest number of citizens who hold university degrees in the world, educates more engineers per capita than any other county in the world, has one of the highest literacy rates in the world, and has had eight citizens awarded the Nobel Prize; and

WHEREAS, Israel has developed an advanced entrepreneurial economy; Israel is among the world's leaders in the high-tech industry, and is at the forefront of research and development in the field of renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, Israel regularly sends humanitarian aid, search-and-rescue teams, mobile hospitals, and other emergency supplies to help victims of disasters around the world including the 1994 Rwandan civil war, the 1998 bombing of the United States Embassy in Kenya, the 1999 earthquakes in Turkey, the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the 2005 hurricanes along the southern coast of the United States, and the 2007 fires in Greece; and

WHEREAS, Israel has absorbed millions of Jews from countries throughout the world and fully integrated them into the greater Israeli society of over seven million people; and

WHEREAS, for six decades, the United States and Israel have maintained a special relationship based on mutually shared democratic values, common strategic interests, and moral bonds of friendship and mutual respect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby recognize the historic significance of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of an independent and sovereign State of Israel, and commend the people of Israel for their remarkable achievements over the last six decades.