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1 TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, 2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF 3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF 5 STATE, JOHN KERRY:

6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of 7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, 8 respectfully represent and petition as follows:

9 WHEREAS, The United States of America and the state of Israel 10 have both triumphed in wars of independence in order to establish an 11 enduring free democratic government; and

WHEREAS, The United States and the state of Israel are both nations founded by peoples seeking the cherished rights of liberty, religious freedom, and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Countless citizens of Washington state and this great nation stand whole-heartedly with the courageous citizens of Israel during these perilous times; and

18 WHEREAS, The nation of Israel has the right to exist as a 19 sovereign state with secure and defensible borders; and

20 WHEREAS, The people of Israel have the right to pursue their 21 lives in peace; and

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1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Israel have the right to govern 2 themselves as a free society without interference from other 3 countries or institutions; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States and Israel share many common values 5 and ideals; and

6 WHEREAS, Israel has proven its loyalty to the United States on 7 numerous occasions and has remained a true and steadfast friend; and

8 WHEREAS, It is critical in these dangerous times that the United 9 States give its loyal support, aid, and encouragement so that the 10 people of Israel can achieve and maintain the peace, safety, and 11 security they desire; and

12 WHEREAS, The Washington state legislature supports the 13 preservation and well-being of the nation of Israel and stands with 14 Israel as it pursues its hope for the health, harmony, and happiness 15 of its citizens;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the 17 federal government steadfastly stand beside Israel in its noble 18 endeavors to maintain the sovereignty, peace, safety, and security 19 they deserve.

20 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately 21 transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the Washington State House of Representatives to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the 22 United States, the Secretary of State, John Kerry, the Governor of 23 24 the State of Washington, Jay Inslee, the Prime Minister of Israel, 25 Benjamin Netanyahu, to the President of Israel, Reuven Rivlin, the 26 Speaker of the Knesset, Yuli-Yoel Edelstein, the President of the United States Senate, Joe Biden, the Speaker of the House of 27 Representatives, John Boehner, and to each member of Congress from 28 29 the State of Washington.

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