

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 238

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**SYNOPSIS**

Supports Abraham Accords and recognizes importance of peace and coexistence in Middle East.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1   **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** supporting the Abraham Accords and  
2       recognizing the importance of peace and coexistence in the  
3       Middle East.  
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5   **WHEREAS**, On September 15, 2020, the State of Israel and the United  
6       Arab Emirates (UAE), and Israel and the Kingdom of Bahrain  
7       signed historic peace agreements, the Abraham Accords, both of  
8       which were signed in Washington, D.C. and mediated by the United  
9       States; and  
10   **WHEREAS**, Subsequent agreements between Israel and the Kingdom of  
11       Morocco, and Israel and the Republic of the Sudan, also mediated  
12       by the United States, were signed in the following months and  
13       included in the accords; and  
14   **WHEREAS**, The peace agreements mirrored the historic agreements  
15       signed between Israel and the Arab Republic of Egypt in 1979, and  
16       Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in 1994, both of which  
17       were also mediated by the United States; and  
18   **WHEREAS**, The peace agreements between Israel and Egypt and  
19       Jordan have been widely successful, leading to the development of  
20       important strategic partnerships and collaboration agreements; and  
21   **WHEREAS**, To promote peace and unity, the accords are named after  
22       the patriarch Abraham, regarded as a prophet by the religions of  
23       Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, and traditionally considered a  
24       shared patriarch of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian peoples; and  
25   **WHEREAS**, The agreement between Israel and Bahrain normalized  
26       diplomatic relations between the two countries, including an  
27       exchange in ambassadors and cooperation in technology, health,  
28       agriculture, and other areas; and  
29   **WHEREAS**, Following the success of these agreements, Israel secured  
30       agreements with Sudan and Morocco to normalize relations and  
31       begin economic and trade cooperation; and  
32   **WHEREAS**, The Abraham Accords are a monumental achievement,  
33       recognizing the importance of maintaining and strengthening peace  
34       in the Middle East and around the world based on mutual  
35       understanding and coexistence, as well as respect for human dignity  
36       and freedom, including religious freedom; and  
37   **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey and its citizens commend the  
38       Abraham Accords given the significant Jewish, Muslim, and  
39       Christian populations in the State and the numerous economic ties  
40       that the State has with the nations signed on to the accords; and  
41   **WHEREAS**, Stability and peace among nations and peoples in the  
42       Middle East are the result of multilateral relationships and it is  
43       necessary to reach out to other nations in the region to work  
44       together to establish stronger ties; and  
45   **WHEREAS**, Therefore, it is appropriate and necessary to show support  
46       for the historic Abraham Accords, commend the UAE for

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*  
6 *Jersey:*

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, and each member of Congress elected from this State.

Since September 2020, four new nations, the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Kingdom of Morocco, and the Republic of the Sudan, have all signed respective peace agreements with Israel. The agreements formally normalize foreign relations, permit an exchange in ambassadors, and permit cooperation in technology, health, agriculture, and other areas. The accords are a monumental achievement, recognizing the importance of maintaining and strengthening peace in the Middle East and around the world based on mutual understanding and coexistence, as well as respect for human dignity and freedom, including religious freedom.