



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

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- A SENATE RESOLUTION -

The intent of this resolution is to condemn the decision made by President Donald Trump to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and the atrocities that the State of Israel has committed against the Palestinian people.

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Final Reading: Date of Final Reading

Senate Vote: (#Yes-#No-#Abstain)



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Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled,

Whereas, The Balfour act was instituted in 1916 by Britain, which promised a "homeland" for European Jews on Palestinian land,

Whereas, The USF SG recognizes U.N. General Assembly Resolution 67/19 which declares Palestine as a sovereign state,

Whereas, The Palestinian People have since come under an illegal occupation, including the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem,

Whereas, The USF SG Senate recognizes that the Palestinian people have suffered a continuous violation of the rights they are promised by the UN Charter,

Whereas, Israel has continued the expansion of settlements further into Palestinian territory, and the forced removal of Palestinians from their land,

Whereas, These actions are in clear violation of international agreements that Israel itself agreed to, such as Geneva Conventions,

Whereas, President Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's political capital in place of Tel Aviv, marks a turning point of the U.S's "official" commitment to a sovereign Palestinian state, and empowers the Israeli government to expand its encroachment on Palestinian sovereignty,

Whereas, The United States vetoed the UNSC's unanimous vote to condemn the recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital,

Therefore, The USF SG stands with the international community in condemning illegal settlements, the recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and the human rights abuses inflicted on the Palestinian people,

Therefore, The USF SG Senate declares its solidarity with the Palestinian people,

Therefore, The SG Senate expresses its staunch condemnation of the president's decision,

Therefore, While the SG Senate affirms its respect for all religions, it refutes the Israeli justification for Palestinian occupation under the religious context of a "promised land" that is repeatedly provided.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Arab League at the UN, the UN Security Council, USF President Dr. Judy Genshaft, The Tampa Bay Times, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Political Commentator Mahmoud Sharkawy, and the office of President Trump.

Attest:

Amani Taha, Senate President Date

Yusef Shafiq, Senate President Pro Tempore Date

