



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

SB [R] 58-###
New Hope Resolution
58th Term
Spring 2018



- A SENATE RESOLUTION -

The intent of this resolution is to recognize the suffering of the Palestinian people, express on behalf of students everywhere the desire for peace and stability in Palestine and Israel, and convey our rejection for measures that are contrary to this goal.

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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, UN General Assembly Resolution 181, of 1947, called for independent Arab and Jewish States in recognition of each people's right to self-determination,

Whereas, Political mistakes and wars over the next 70 years created a situation that has led to the collective suffering of the Palestinian people,

Whereas, The Palestinian people have come under a restrictive military occupation by the Israeli Government in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem,

Whereas, The Israeli Government's continued policy of settlement expansion into the West Bank systematically displaces Palestinians from their ancestral land and presents a direct threat to the possibility of a sovereign Palestinian state,

Whereas, This policy of expansion, as well as associated checkpoints, fences, segregated roads, and walls, violates the basic human rights and freedoms of Palestinians and is an impediment to a peace agreement,

Whereas, President Trump's unilateral recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital threatens Palestinian aspirations to establish it as the capital of a Palestinian State and undermines the peace process,

Whereas, The violence, war, and hatred that has festered for the past 70 years is unsustainable; many Palestinians and even Israelis have suffered as a result,

Whereas, The road to trust and cooperation can only be paved by addressing these realities.

Therefore, On behalf of the USF Student Body, the SG Senate recognizes the rights of Palestinians and Israelis to live freely and peacefully,

Therefore, The USF SG Senate denounces violence, human rights violations, terrorism, Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and any other hatred based on ethnicity or religion,

Therefore, The USF SG Senate demands that the leaders of Israel and Palestine acknowledge their disagreements and open communications with each other in the interest of protecting the life and liberty of their peoples,

Therefore, The USF SG Senate calls upon the leaders of Israel and Palestine to negotiate without preconditions and achieve a final multilateral agreement for the recognition of a fully independent Arab state of Palestine, free of military occupation or control.

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

Attest:

Amani Taha, Senate President

Date

Yusef Shafiq, Senate President Pro Tempore

Date

