

**ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Phoenix, Arizona
August 31, September 1, 2, 2021**

**Resolution No. 37: Abraham Accords Peace Agreement: Treaty of Peace, Diplomatic Relations
and Full Normalization Between the United Arab Emirates and the State of Israel**

Origin: Convention Committee on National Security

Submitted by: Convention Committee on National Security

WHEREAS, On August 13, 2020, a peace agreement between the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the State of Israel was agreed upon and mediated by the United States; and

WHEREAS, With this agreement the UAE has become the third Arab nation, after Egypt in 1979, and Jordan in 1994, to agree to a normalized relationship with Israel, as well as the first Persian Gulf country to do so; and

WHEREAS, These accords have grown in part from a common concern over Iran's nuclear program, ballistic missile arsenal and support of Hezbollah and other militant groups; and

WHEREAS, With the signing of the Abraham Accords, Israel and the UAE have begun the transition to ensure they have lasting peace, stability, security, and prosperity while working to enhance their respective economies; and

WHEREAS, Since that signing, further agreements have been developed between Israel and Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan with Bahrain have formally appointed an ambassador to Israel; and

WHEREAS, The stipulations that have been agreed upon include: 1) Establishment of Peace, Diplomatic Relations and Normalization; 2) Adherence to the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law governing relations among States; 3) Establishment of embassies and exchange of resident ambassadors; 4) Promote mutual understanding, cooperation and coordination to provide peace and stability, particularly taking necessary step to prevent any terrorist or hostile activities against each other or from their respective territories; 5) Work through bilateral agreements to promote stability and prosperity in areas of mutual interest; 6) Foster mutual understanding, respect, co-existence and a culture of peace between their societies, and; 7) Join with the United States to develop and launch a "Strategic Agenda for the Middle East" to expand regional diplomatic and trade relations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Phoenix, Arizona, August 31, September 1, 2, 2021, That the administration continue to pursue agreements between Israel and other Middle East countries similar to those developed under the name 'Abraham Accords'; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the administration and the United States Congress maintain a tough stance and resist any agreement that could undermine the strategic rationale for the normalization agreements between Israel and the Middle Eastern Gulf states; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the administration and the United States Congress maintain and enhance the normalization pacts between Israel and a number of Arabs states in the Middle East, easing Israel's economic and diplomatic isolation and building a regional coalition of allies.