

Resolution Concerning the Development of a Jewish
National Home in Palestine Adopted by the Senate and
Assembly of the State of New York, March 8, 1943*

* 1 NEW YORK SENATE JOUR., 166th Sess., at 562-63 (1943). This resolution concerning the development of a Jewish National Home in Palestine is illustrative of resolutions adopted by some nineteen state legislatures between May 12, 1939, and July 4, 1944. For a comparison of the texts of the various state resolutions, see R. FINK, AMERICA AND PALESTINE 390-409 (1944).

Whereas, the persecution and attempted extermination by Nazi Germany of the Jews in occupied Europe have outraged the conscience of the civilized world and have manifested the necessity of continued maintenance and development of a Jewish National Homeland; and

Whereas, pursuant to the treaties of peace terminating the first World War, a mandate was issued, approved by fifty-two Nations including the United States, to facilitate the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine; and

Whereas, this policy was concurred in by a joint resolution unanimously adopted by both Houses of the Congress of the United States on June 30, 1922, and approved by the President on September 21, 1922; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that we of the State of New York express our most profound sympathy toward the victims of Nazi religious persecution and racial hatred; and be it further

Resolved, that we urge the fullest cooperation of the United Nations in punishing those responsible for this horrible crime against humanity and in alleviating suffering through an international rescue agency; and be it further

Resolved, that we favor the continued development of a Jewish National Home in Palestine, for the absorption of as many Jews as may be required by the urgent needs of the Jewish people, as an integral part of the new democratic world order in accordance with the principles for which the United Nations are now fighting; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President and to the Secretary of State of the United States, the President of the United States Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.