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State of Arizona  
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Introduced by  
Representatives Bolding: Powers Hannley, Rodriguez

### **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2019 AS INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY AND PROCLAIMING APRIL 2019 AS JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH IN ARIZONA.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1           Whereas, April 30 is recognized as International Jazz Day as  
2 established in 2011 by the work of Herbie Hancock and the United Nations  
3 Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and

4           Whereas, the Smithsonian Institution created Jazz Appreciation Month  
5 in 2011 as an opportunity for people to recognize and celebrate the  
6 extraordinary heritage and history of jazz music for the entire month of  
7 April; and

8           Whereas, Dr. William "Doc" Jones created the International Jazz Day  
9 Festival in 2013 and incorporated the International Jazz Day AZ  
10 Foundation, a nonprofit organization, in 2015; and

11           Whereas, the International Jazz Day AZ Foundation is overseen by its  
12 President, William "Doc" Jones, and his award-winning board of directors;  
13 and

14           Whereas, jazz music is recognized all over the world as an art form  
15 born in America; and

16           Whereas, jazz music is now an international art form known for its  
17 diversity, its respect for human rights and human dignity, and its support  
18 of eradicating discrimination, promoting peace and connecting cultures;  
19 and

20           Whereas, jazz music promotes freedom of expression, fosters gender  
21 equality and reinforces the role of youth for social change; and

22           Whereas, jazz music raises awareness of the need for intercultural  
23 dialogue and mutual understanding and reinforces international cooperation  
24 and communication; and

25           Whereas, on April 30, 2019, International Jazz Day festivals will  
26 continue to bring together ethnic groups, communities, schools, artists,  
27 historians, academia and jazz enthusiasts throughout the State of Arizona  
28 and around the world to celebrate and learn about jazz music and its  
29 roots, future and impact; and

30           Whereas, the International Jazz Day AZ Foundation plans to continue  
31 to produce important jazz festivals to celebrate International Jazz Day,  
32 as local governments and area residents embrace the day and appreciate the  
33 role that jazz music plays in our daily lives and in our communities.

34 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
35 the Senate concurring:

36           1. That the Members of the Legislature recognize April 30, 2019 as  
37 International Jazz Day and proclaim April 2019 as Jazz Appreciation Month  
38 in Arizona.

39           2. That the Members of the Legislature impart accolades of honor,  
40 commendation, appreciation and recognition to the role jazz music plays in  
41 this state and the nation.