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## Arizona Legislature Approves Resolution Affirming Israel's Sovereignty in Judea and Samaria

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – The Arizona Legislature today completed passage of [House Concurrent Resolution 2047](#), sponsored by State Representative David Livingston, affirming Israel's sovereignty over Judea and Samaria and directing the use of historically accurate terminology in official state communications.

The resolution recognizes the historical, biblical, and legal legitimacy of Judea and Samaria and formally rejects the term "West Bank," which was imposed during Jordan's occupation of the territory from 1948 to 1967. The measure passed the Arizona House in February with bipartisan support and was approved today by the Arizona Senate.

Earlier this session, the [House adopted House Resolution 2002](#), also sponsored by Representative Livingston, advancing the same policy within the chamber.

The Senate's action comes as Israel observes Yom HaZikaron, a day honoring fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism.

**"Today, as Israel honors those who gave their lives defending the nation, Arizona stands with the truth about that nation's history,"** Representative Livingston said. **"Judea and Samaria are central to Jewish history and faith. They are not political labels to be swapped out for convenience. This resolution affirms what is true and rejects language created to deny it. I thank my colleagues for standing with Israel and supporting this effort."**

The resolution also recognizes the importance of Judea and Samaria to Israel's security and to United States interests in preventing terrorist-controlled territory from emerging in the region.

A statement from Israeli Consul General Israel Bachar praising the Legislature's passage of HCR 2047 is attached.

*David Livingston is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 28 in Peoria. He also serves as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Follow him on X at @Livingston4AZ.*

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**The Consulate General of Israel Congratulations the State of Arizona on its  
Recent Adoption of HCR2047, Officially Recognizing Judea and Samaria**

Consul General Israel Bachar congratulates the Arizona State House and Senate for jointly recognizing the legitimacy of Judea and Samaria. As HCR2047 attests, the historical, biblical and legal legitimacy of the regions of Judea and Samaria in Israel are unquestioned and undebatable, and the Consul General thanks the State of Arizona for making this clear. In formally rejecting the term “West Bank,” labeling it a modern political construct, and opting to use the terms “Judea” and “Samaria” in all official state communications, documents and references instead, the State of Arizona attests: Judea and Samaria are included in Israel like any other region in the Holy Land.

The State of Arizona has set a gold standard in terms of state legislative initiatives that protect and enhance the US-Israel relationship on the State level. With HB2617 in 2016, the Legislature made clear that the Boycott, Divest and Sanction (BDS) movement had no home — or legality — in Arizona. Likewise in adopting the IHRA definition of Antisemitism in 2022 through HB2675, the State showed leadership in equivocating Anti-Zionism and Antisemitism. Today’s passage of HCR2047 follows in this legacy.

Consul General Bachar extends his gratitude to Chairman David Livingston, who, upon visiting Judea and Samaria in late 2025, understood the strategic importance of this initiative to Arizona-Israel and US-Israel relations. The Consul General also thanks House Speaker Steve Montenegro, Chairman Tony Rivero and the entire international trade committee, for their commitment to this resolution. He likewise thanks all co-sponsors of today’s resolution in the House and Senate for their moral clarity and staunch solidarity with the State and people of Israel.

Sincerely,

Israel Bachar  
Consul General of Israel to the Pacific Southwest