



2023 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 20

November 7, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives MURPHY, S. JOHNSON, BODDEN, BRANDTJEN, DITTRICH, DONOVAN, GUNDRUM, MICHALSKI, O'CONNOR, RETTINGER and SCHRAA. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

2 Whereas, approximately 33,000 Wisconsin residents are of the Jewish faith;
3 and

4 Whereas, archaeological digs have uncovered Jewish heritage inside
5 Jerusalem and across the land of Israel dating back to at least 3,000 years ago; and

6 Whereas, the government of Israel retained sovereign control over the entire
7 city of Jerusalem on June 7, 1967; and

8 Whereas, from 1948 to 1967, Jerusalem was a divided city, and Israeli citizens
9 of all faiths as well as Jewish citizens of all states were denied access to holy sites
10 in the area controlled by Jordan; and

11 Whereas, since 1967, Jerusalem has been a united city administered by Israel,
12 and persons of all religious faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy sites
13 within the city; and

14 Whereas, Jerusalem is the residence of the Knesset, the Supreme Court of
15 Israel, the prime minister of Israel, the National Bank, and other federal

1 government buildings, and recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel
2 would provide for efficacy of diplomacy; and

3 Whereas, each sovereign nation under international law and custom may
4 designate its own capital, and the United States maintains its embassy in the
5 functioning capital of every country except in the case of our democratic friend and
6 strategic ally, the State of Israel; and

7 Whereas, on October 24, 1995, the 104th United States Congress passed the
8 bipartisan Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995, which was overwhelmingly adopted by
9 the Senate (93-5) and the House of Representatives (374-37), and which recognized
10 Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and ordered the relocation of the U.S. embassy to
11 Jerusalem by no later than May 31, 1999; and

12 Whereas, on June 5, 2017, Senate Resolution 167, relating to the recognition
13 of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and the relocation of the U.S. embassy to
14 Jerusalem, passed by a unanimous 90-0 vote; and

15 Whereas, on December 6, 2017, the president of the United States officially
16 recognized Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel; now, therefore, be it

17 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the Wisconsin State Assembly, in adopting
18 this resolution, honors this auspicious occasion and formally recognizes the city of
19 Jerusalem as the official capital of the State of Israel; and, be it further

20 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk transmit authenticated copies of this
21 resolution to the news media of Wisconsin, to the president of the United States, to
22 the Speaker and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the
23 president and the secretary of the United States Senate, to the chancellor of the
24 University of Wisconsin–Madison and each of the members of the Board of Regents,
25 to the provosts and chairpersons of the boards of trustees of all Wisconsin public and

1 private colleges and universities, and to the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C.,
2 for transmission to the proper authorities in the State of Israel.

3 (END)