

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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## **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.

1	<b>Relating to:</b> 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

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- 2 for transmission to the proper authorities in the State of Israel.

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