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Arizona House of Representatives

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## House Speaker Ben Toma Proclaims Day of Observance Honoring Victims of October 7th Terrorist Attacks in Israel

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Arizona House Speaker Ben Toma has issued a legislative proclamation declaring October 7, 2024, as a Day of Observance to honor the victims of the October 7, 2023, terrorist attacks in Israel. This solemn day marks a year since the violent attack orchestrated by Hamas, which resulted in the deaths of over 1,200 civilians and security personnel, as well as the abduction of hundreds, including American citizens.

Speaker Toma’s proclamation recognizes the resilience of the Israeli people in the face of these horrific acts and the strong bonds of friendship between Arizona and Israel. The proclamation urges all Arizonans to join in a moment of silence to remember those who lost their lives and to stand with the families of those still impacted by these tragic events.

**“The people of Arizona share in the grief of those affected by the attack and stand in solidarity with Israel as they continue to defend their nation and strive for peace,”** said Speaker Toma.

A copy of the legislative proclamation is attached.

*Ben Toma is the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives and serves Legislative District 27, which includes areas of Glendale, Peoria, and Phoenix. Follow him on X/Twitter at @RepBenToma.*

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## Legislative Proclamation

### DAY OF OBSERVANCE HONORING THE VICTIMS OF OCTOBER 7TH TERRORIST ATTACKS IN ISRAEL

*Whereas*, on October 7, 2023, the State of Israel suffered a brutal and highly organized terrorist attack by Hamas, marking one of the darkest days for the Jewish people since the Holocaust; and

*Whereas*, the people of Israel have shown incredible resilience and courage in the face of these acts of war, and they continue to bravely defend their nation against threats to their safety and sovereignty; and

*Whereas*, the State of Arizona and Israel share longstanding bonds of friendship and cooperation. Arizona supports Israel's right to defend itself and rescue those who have been taken captive; and

*Whereas*, the State of Arizona stands in solidarity with Israel and the Jewish community, both locally and globally, in honoring the lives lost and supporting those affected by these atrocities; and

*Whereas*, on this solemn occasion, we also recognize the enduring connection between Arizona and Israel, rooted in values of democracy, freedom, and mutual support; and

*Whereas*, it is fitting that the people of Arizona express their sympathy and respect for the victims and their families, and offer hope for a peaceful resolution that honors the memories of the fallen.

*Therefore*, I, Ben Toma, Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives, proclaim October 7, 2024, as a day of observance for the victims of the terrorist attacks in Israel, and I urge Members of the Legislature, and all Arizonans, to observe a moment of silence on this day to honor those whose lives were lost and to stand in unity with those who remain in captivity.



*Dated this 7th day of October 2024*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Toma".

BEN TOMA  
Speaker of the House  
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