

**HCR 10 – OHIO’S GOLDEN ANTI-BDS RESOLUTION**  
**PJTN’S OHIO HIGHLIGHT OF 2018**

On December 5, 2018 the Ohio General Assembly finalized the passage of House Concurrent Resolution 10 (HCR 10), “To condemn the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and increasing incidents of anti-Semitism.” This is the most remarkable pro-Israel, pro-Jewish position statement from an American state and its people that can be imagined, and PJTN was at the heart of its passage, creating and leading a faith-based coalition to support it. HCR 10 publically proclaims the policy of the people and the legislature of the State of Ohio that the world-wide Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement aimed at destroying the State of Israel and all the Jews living there, is harmful, unfair, and undemocratic, and also condemns Nazism.

PJTN State of Ohio Director and General Counsel, Michael Goldstein, worked for almost two years educating Ohio legislators about anti-Semitism and BDS on our campuses in Ohio, and about the negative effects this has on Ohio’s Jewish students and on their Christian supporters. HCR 10 passed the Ohio House 92-2 and the Ohio Senate 30-0.

- **OHIO’S TIES WITH ISRAEL** - HCR 10 expresses the policy of Ohio’s support for our ties with the State of Israel in many specific ways.
- **ISRAEL’S SOVEREIGNTY** - HCR 10 also expresses Ohio’s support for Israel’s sovereignty and its right to protect itself and its people. It recognizes the Jewish people's and Israel's historical connection to its ancient home in the Land of Israel, including the present day State of Israel, and Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, which were the heartland of the ancient nations of Israel and Judah.
- **ANTI-BDS, ANTI-NAZIISM** - The General Assembly condemns anti-Semitism and the BDS movement and its leaders, and Nazism, as well. Each is as evil as the other.
- **FREE SPEECH** - HCR 10 contains a very strong provision supporting free speech for everyone on campus and urges college administrators to enforce free speech for all. It also urges the universities to eliminate the “hecklers’ veto” of shouting down and abridging the speech of Jews and any others on campus.
- **COALITION AND EDUCATION** - The process of enacting HCR 10 has enabled PJTN to create and lead a coalition of like-minded groups to work with us on this issue, and on other legislation of mutual interest. This will lead to more rapid understanding among the legislators when PJTN introduces legislation in the next General Assembly in 2019, including the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act, or in support of ongoing bills such as the Campus Free Speech Act.