

By Senator Massullo

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to recognizing Judea and Samaria;
providing a short title; creating s. 1.016, F.S.;
providing legislative intent; defining terms;
prohibiting the use of the term "West Bank" in
official government materials; prohibiting the use of
moneys to create official government materials using
such term; providing an exception; providing an
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Recognizing Judea and Samaria Act."

Section 2. Section 1.016, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1.016 Recognizing Judea and Samaria.—

(1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—It is the intent of the Legislature to:

(a) Refer to the lands annexed by Israel from Jordan during the 1967 Six-Day War by its historical name of "Judea and Samaria," with the land south of Jerusalem being considered "Judea" and the land north of Jerusalem being considered "Samaria."

(b) No longer use the term "West Bank" in official government materials.

(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this act, the term:

(a) "Official government material" means a guidance, rule, material, briefing, press release, communication, or work

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product document prepared by a state agency.

(b) "State agency" means every department, division, office, board, commission, and institution of this state.

(3) PROHIBITIONS; EXCEPTION.—

(a) A state agency may not use the term "West Bank" to refer to Judea and Samaria in an official government material or use moneys to create an official government material that refers to Judea and Samaria as the "West Bank."

(b) The head of a state agency may waive the prohibition under paragraph (a) if he or she determines that it is in the best interest of the state and, within 30 days after making such determination, submits a written explanation of the waiver to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.