

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING THE BRUTAL ATTACK ON THE STATE OF ISRAEL BY THE FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAMAS; SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO DEFEND ITSELF; URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, during the Jewish festival of Simchat Torah when hundreds of thousands of Israelis were on their way to synagogues to celebrate the holiday and the sabbath, Hamas and aligned terrorists launched a massive, unprovoked war on Israel; and

WHEREAS, Hamas sent hundreds of terrorists to infiltrate Israel from the Gaza Strip ("Gaza") by land, air, and sea in a coordinated and planned attack against the State of Israel and her people, and launched thousands of rockets indiscriminately against Israeli civilian population centers; and

WHEREAS, this heinous assault took place just after the 50th anniversary of the start of the multi-front 1973 Yom Kippur War against Israel; and

WHEREAS, upon entering Israel, these terrorists began indiscriminately slaughtering Israelis and abducting civilians in towns in southern Israel; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, it has been confirmed that Hamas terrorists have killed over 1,400 Israeli civilians together with visitors from nations around the world, injured more than 3,800 others, fired over 7,000 rockets seeking to kill civilians living in cities and towns across Israel, caused the displacement of 60,000 Israelis from their homes, and abducted about 200 men, women and children and are holding them against their will in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, American citizens are among those killed and abducted by Hamas during its terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, the actions of Hamas constitute war crimes under international law; and

WHEREAS, Hamas is a United States designated Foreign Terrorist Organization that exercises control over Gaza, an area of land Israel captured in 1967 during a defensive war and from which Israel fully withdrew in 2005; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this unprovoked assault and invasion, Israel has declared a state of war against the terrorist Hamas organization; and

WHEREAS, in defense of Israeli and foreign citizens visiting Israel, Israel has begun targeting the terrorist organizations in Gaza as well as providing increased protection within the State of Israel from further assaults; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Hamas' use of commonplace, civilian equipment such as bulldozers, pick-up trucks, paragliders, and rubber boats in its assault on Israel, Israel has ordered the complete closure of Gaza; and

WHEREAS, Israel is currently attempting to free the hostages that were kidnapped and brought to Gaza, to damage the terrorists' infrastructure, and to prevent any terrorist organization in Gaza from being able to harm Israel and its citizens and visitors again; and

WHEREAS, many countries have expressed their unequivocal support of the State of Israel and its right to defend its residents from these unprovoked and vicious attacks in a manner designed to promptly end such attacks and deter similar attacks in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission strongly supports the sovereignty of the State of Israel, and recognizes its rights to self-defense and to protect its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA;

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That the City Commission condemns Hamas' brutal unprovoked war on the State of Israel and her citizens and visitors.

Section 3: That the City Commission strongly supports the State of Israel's right to defend itself and its citizens and visitors against such attacks, including but not limited to taking all necessary actions against these terrorist organizations, all necessary actions to protect itself and its citizens and visitors, and all appropriate action seeking the safe return of the hostages taken by Hamas and other affiliated terrorist organizations.

Section 4: That the City Commission urges President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and the United States Congress to reaffirm the United States' commitment to Israel's security and provide emergency resupply and other security, diplomatic, and intelligence support to the State of Israel.

Section 6: That This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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