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A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the recent Hamas attacks and expressing condolences
2 and support for the State of Israel and its people in
3 opposition to barbaric terrorism.

4 WHEREAS, Since October 7, 2023, the images we have seen on
5 the news and social media indicate atrocities being committed
6 against Israeli civilians in Southern Israel in horrific
7 fashion, and these atrocities are condemned in the strongest
8 manner; and

9 WHEREAS, We stand firmly with the people of Israel and their
10 right to defend themselves; and

11 WHEREAS, The attacks by Hamas are shocking, barbaric and evil
12 because they involve the shooting and killing of civilians, the
13 killing of families at rest on Shabbat, which coincided with the
14 Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah, and the kidnapping of women and
15 children; and

16 WHEREAS, The attacks by Hamas amount to war crimes of the
17 worst kind; and

18 WHEREAS, In the history of civilization and freedom,

1 individuals who burst into people's homes and slaughter sleeping
2 or resting families and civilians are soon themselves destroyed
3 and brought to justice in the name of everything good and true;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Today, we pray for the protection of all Israelis
6 and innocent lives and the restoration of peace in Israel; and

7 WHEREAS, Israel has every right to defend itself with all due
8 force; and

9 WHEREAS, The Senate of Pennsylvania expresses its support for
10 Israel, with whom we have shared a special relationship since
11 its Independence established in 1948; and

12 WHEREAS, Our National Guard troops have deployed to the Sinai
13 Peninsula since 2007 as part of an ongoing international
14 peacekeeping mission to ensure that the 1978 Camp David Accords
15 peace agreement between Egypt and Israel is upheld; and

16 WHEREAS, Recent security agreements have further brought
17 peace and stability to the Middle East and the Senate of
18 Pennsylvania stands in opposition to any state or entity,
19 including Iran-backed Hamas and Hezbollah, that supports
20 terrorism of any kind or provides aid and support to those who
21 fund terror against it; and

22 WHEREAS, The Senate of Pennsylvania stands resolutely with
23 Israel and prays for the peace of Jerusalem, calling on all who
24 love freedom and peaceful coexistence to do the same; therefore
25 be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate condemn the recent Hamas attacks
27 and express condolences and support for the State of Israel and
28 its people in opposition to barbaric terrorism.