

A RESOLUTION

Urging the Congress of the United States to provide the State of Israel with the support necessary to ensure its safety and security and condemning the terrorist attack in Israel by Hamas.

WHEREAS, On October 7, 2023, militant groups led by the terrorist organization Hamas launched a large-scale invasion against Israel from the Gaza Strip by land, air and sea; and

WHEREAS, Hostilities were initiated by a rocket barrage of over 5,000 missiles and with militants crossing the Gaza-Israel border to attack nearby Israeli communities and military bases, murdering 1,300 Israelis; and

WHEREAS, The brutal attacks by Hamas have led to the injuring of thousands more; and

WHEREAS, Hamas, through its highly coordinated attack, took at least 150 people, including, elderly women, children and entire families, who are now being held as hostages; and

WHEREAS, Countries across the globe have shown their support for Israel in its efforts to defend itself and its people against such atrocities; and

WHEREAS, On October 9, 2023, President Macron of France, Chancellor Scholz of Germany, Prime Minister Meloni of Italy, Prime Minister Sunak of the United Kingdom and President Biden of the United States expressed their steadfast and united support to the State of Israel, and their unequivocal condemnation of Hamas and its appalling acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Members of the global community support justice and safety for the Israeli and Palestinian people; and

WHEREAS, The violent actions of Hamas do not represent the aspirations of the Palestinian people; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize that the terrorist actions of Hamas have no justification and no legitimacy, and there must be universal condemnation of the terrorist actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth stand with Israel as it defends itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to provide the State of Israel with the support necessary to ensure its safety and security and condemn the terrorist attack in Israel by Hamas; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Majority and Minority leaders of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.