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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of destroying
2 the State of Israel and has been designated by the United States as
3 a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

4 WHEREAS, The Hamas terrorist organization launched a brutal,
5 highly organized, and unprecedented attack upon Israel and its
6 citizens in the early morning hours of October 7, 2023; and

7 WHEREAS, In its attack, Hamas has killed hundreds of innocent
8 civilians and taken hundreds of Israeli children, women, elderly,
9 and infirm civilians hostage; and

10 WHEREAS, In its attack, Hamas has fired thousands of rockets
11 against Israeli population centers in an attempt to kill untold
12 numbers of innocent civilians; and

13 WHEREAS, The level of logistical sophistication demonstrated
14 in this Hamas terrorism operation indicates its receipt of support
15 and funding from foreign state sponsors of terror, namely Iran; and

16 WHEREAS, The timing of this Hamas terrorism operation to
17 coincide with the observance of the Jewish Sabbath and celebration
18 of the Sukkoth holiday demonstrates the intent to maximize civilian
19 casualties; and

20 WHEREAS, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements of its
21 terrorist infrastructure in civilian population centers using
22 civilians as human shields; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd
24 Called Session, hereby

- 1 1. Reaffirm its support and unwavering commitment to the
2 welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel;
- 3 2. Recognize Israel's right to act decisively and
4 unilaterally in self-defense to protect its citizens;
- 5 3. Express its support for Israel's right to pursue without
6 interference or condemnation the elimination of Hamas until Hamas
7 is permanently neutralized and public safety is assured;
- 8 4. Convey its most heartfelt condolences to all Israeli
9 victims as well as their families and communities;
- 10 5. Call upon Texas law enforcement to remain vigilant in
11 protecting Israeli Americans, Jewish Americans, and all supporters
12 of Israel from acts of crime and unlawful discrimination that tend
13 to manifest at such times;
- 14 6. Encourage all other American states to likewise condemn
15 Hamas as well as any official body that refuses to recognize
16 Israel's right to act decisively in self-defense to protect its
17 citizens; and
- 18 7. Call upon the United States to provide all assistance as
19 may be required to support Israel in its defense against Hamas and
20 all other terrorist organizations.