

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING ALL ACTS OF TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE TARGETING INNOCENT CIVILIANS BY TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAMAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES; CALLING UPON PRESIDENT BIDEN AND THE U.S. CONGRESS TO IMMEDIATELY SUPPORT AND APPROVE ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT, RESOURCES AND MUNITIONS NEEDED FOR ITS IRON DOME MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM AND ITS COMBAT AIRCRAFT; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER PURCHASING STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS, CONSISTENT WITH AND SUBJECT TO ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY, AS A SYMBOLIC GESTURE OF SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach stands as a symbol of diversity, tolerance, and unity among its residents, recognizing the importance of fostering relationships with nations across the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the City values peace, security, and the protection of human rights as fundamental principles that should be upheld globally; and

**WHEREAS**, recent terrorist attacks by terrorist organization Hamas have targeted the people of Israel on Shabbat and during the Jewish holy days, resulting in the loss of innocent lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the City condemns all acts of terrorism and violence targeting innocent civilians, and acknowledges the resilience and courage of the people of Israel in the face of these threats; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to express its support and solidarity with the people of Israel during these challenging times and offer its condolences to those affected by these acts of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, South Florida, and the City of Miami Beach are home to a sizeable Jewish population, and in 2013, the City became Sister Cities with Nahariya and Ramat Gan, Israel, and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Israel have developed strong ties with Israel through cultural, economic, educational, and diplomatic exchanges that have mutually benefited both communities; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution serves as an expression of the City of Miami Beach's unwavering support and solidarity with the people of Israel during these challenging times; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Miami Beach commends 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 for their Joint Statement on October 9, 2023, expressing steadfast support of Israel and united condemnation of Hamas and its appalling acts of terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission call upon President Biden and the U.S.

Congress to immediately support and approve Israel's request for equipment, resources and munitions needed for its iron dome missile defense system and its combat aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, furthermore, the Mayor and City Commission wish to direct the City Administration to consider purchasing State of Israel bonds, consistent with and subject to all provisions of the City's investment policy, as a symbolic gesture of support for the people of Israel during these trying times.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida**, that the Mayor and the City hereby condemn all acts of terrorism and violence targeting innocent civilians by terrorist organization Hamas, express support and solidarity with the people of Israel during these challenging times; call upon President Biden and the U.S. Congress to immediately support and approve Israel's request for equipment, resources and munitions needed for its Iron Dome missile defense system and its combat aircraft; and direct the City Administration to consider purchasing state of Israel bonds, consistent with and subject to all provisions of the City's investment policy, as a symbolic gesture of support for the people of Israel.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney **FA**

10-10-23  
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