



EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING HAMAS TERRORISM AND IN SUPPORT OF PEACE IN ISRAEL AND THE CITY OF CHARLESTON

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, the terrorist group Hamas launched a surprise attack from Gaza on multiple civilian population centers in southern Israel;

WHEREAS, these attacks included firing thousands of rockets into civilian areas, terrorist door-to-door raids in neighborhoods, and an assault on a music festival where over 260 people were indiscriminately murdered, brutally shot, beaten, raped, and kidnapped;

WHEREAS, at least 700 Israelis – mostly civilians – were killed by terrorists and several thousands more were critically wounded;

WHEREAS, terrorists kidnapped untold dozens of Israeli men, women, children, toddlers, and infants – including Holocaust survivors;

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2023, the United States State Department confirmed at least nine Americans were killed in these attacks;

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, President Joe Biden issued the following statement: “The United States unequivocally condemns this appalling assault against Israel by Hamas terrorists from Gaza, and I made clear to Prime Minister Netanyahu that we stand ready to offer all appropriate means of support to the Government and people of Israel. Terrorism is never justified. Israel has a right to defend itself and its people. The United States warns against any other party hostile to Israel seeking advantage in this situation. My Administration’s support for Israel’s security is rock solid and unwavering.”

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston, known to the world as the Holy City, has for centuries treasured religious tolerance;

WHEREAS, the Charleston Jewish Community traces its roots to 1695 and has played an important role in Charleston’s history;

WHEREAS, the United States and Israel have long been close allies with strong bi-partisan support;

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston unequivocally condemns the Hamas terrorist attacks and extends its unwavering support to Israel and all of its Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Druze, and other citizens;

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston unequivocally rejects anti-Semitism and all other forms of racism, religious intolerance, and other prejudices both here in Charleston and around the world;

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston also supports a peaceful future for the Palestinian people.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON condemn Hamas terrorism and support peace in Israel and the City of Charleston.

RESOLVED this ____ day of October, 2023
in the City Council Chamber

John J. Tecklenburg
Mayor, City of Charleston

ATTEST:

Jennifer Cook
Clerk of Council