

RESOLUTION

STANDING WITH ISRAEL AGAINST TERRORISM

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas, an organization designated by the United States as a foreign terrorist organization, launched an unprecedented attack on Israel by air, land, and sea; and

WHEREAS, this heinous assault took place just after the 50th anniversary of the multi-front 1973 Yom Kippur War against Israel and while Israeli Jews were preparing to celebrate Simchat Torah; and

WHEREAS, Hamas, which has long been supported by Iran, launched thousands of rockets into southern and central Israel; and

WHEREAS, Hamas terrorists crossed the Israeli land border, killing civilians and abducting hostages in more than 20 towns in southern Israel, including children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the initial attack killed more than 1,300 Israelis and injured thousands more; and

WHEREAS, American citizens in Israel are among those killed and abducted by Hamas since October 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, Hamas is directly responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Palestinians; and

WHEREAS, expansion of this war to other fronts by Hezbollah, Iran, or others would create an even more devastating regional catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, Iran has long provided hundreds of millions of dollars in material support to Hamas and other terrorist groups, such as Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the Brazoria County Commissioners Court stands with the United States in its resolve for Israel's right to defend itself, including Israeli efforts to diminish the threat posed by Hamas.

APPROVED this 28th day of November, 2023.

Brazoria Count Judge

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