

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-_____

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING THE BRUTAL, BARBARIC, INHUMANE AND UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON THE STATE OF ISRAEL BY HAMAS; SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ISRAEL’S RIGHT TO DEFEND ITSELF; URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, on the Jewish Sabbath and during the Jewish festival of Simchat Torah, Hamas and aligned terrorists launched a massive attack on the state of Israel; and

WHEREAS, Hamas, officially the Islamic Resistance Movement, is a Sunni Islamist political and militant organization currently governing the Gaza Strip (“Gaza”) of the Palestinian territories, an area of land Israel captured in 1967 during a defensive war and from which Israel fully withdrew in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Hamas is a United States designated Foreign Terrorist Organization which exercises complete control over Gaza; and

WHEREAS, Hamas sent thousands of terrorists to infiltrate Israel from the Gaza by land, air, and sea in a coordinated and planned attack against the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, this heinous assault took place just after the 50th anniversary of the start of the multi-front 1973 Yom Kippur War against Israel; and

WHEREAS, news outlets have reported that upon entering Israel, these terrorists began slaughtering Israelis and abducting hostages from their homes and on the street in southern

Israel; the slaughter included stabbing babies in their cribs, decapitating soldiers and innocent people, raping women, burning civilians alive among other atrocities; and

WHEREAS, it has also been reported that since October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists have murdered over 1,300 Israelis and counting, as well as visitors from nations around the world, and injured more than 2,700 others; and

WHEREAS, Hamas and other terrorist organizations have reportedly taken over 150 men, women, and children hostage and are holding them against their will under inhumane conditions in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, these attacks resulted in the loss of innocent lives, destruction of property, and destabilization of peace and security in the region; and

WHEREAS, American citizens in Israel are among those murdered and captured by Hamas during this war; and

WHEREAS, since 2005 Hamas has spent its resources not on helping its people, but solely for its intended mission of destroying Israel and killing Jews; and

WHEREAS, the Palestinians of the Gaza Strip are being used as human shields further demonstrating Hamas' lack of regard for its people; and

WHEREAS, there are reports of many residents opposing Hamas' terrorist actions because of fear of Israeli retaliation, Israeli leadership has indicated it is doing, and will continue to do, everything possible to reduce harm to uninvolved civilians in an attempt to protect Hamas' weaponry and leadership imbedded in civilian structures such as schools, hospitals, and mosques; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, is committed to the ideals of peace, security, and the well-being of all nations and their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pompano Beach recognizes the sovereign rights of all nations to live in peace and security within their internationally recognized borders; and

WHEREAS, in defense of Israeli and foreign citizens visiting Israel, Israel has begun targeting the terrorist organizations in Gaza as well as providing increased protection within the State of Israel from further assaults; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pompano Beach stands in solidarity with the victims of any form of terrorism, regardless of their nationality, religion, or background; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City of Pompano Beach hereby condemns in the strongest terms the attacks perpetrated by Hamas against the State of Israel. Pompano Beach stands with Israel.

SECTION 2. That the City of Pompano Beach strongly supports the State of Israel's right to defend itself against such attacks including, but not limited to, taking all necessary actions against terrorist organizations, all necessary actions to protect itself and its citizens and visitors, and all appropriate action seeking the safe return of the hostages taken by Hamas and other affiliated terrorist organizations.

SECTION 3. That the City of Pompano Beach expresses its condolences to the families of the victims and hopes for the swift recovery of the captured.

SECTION 4. That the City of Pompano Beach calls upon all parties in the region to work towards a peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict, and to refrain from actions that exacerbate tensions, perpetuate violence, and expand the war to other fronts.

SECTION 5. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, United States Department of State, the Israeli Consulate in Miami, Florida, and to our local representatives in the United States Congress.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

REX HARDIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK

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