

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2023 –

WHEREAS, Hernando County support Israel’s right to exist and flourish as a nation that has become a “melting pot” of people groups in the Middle East including those of Jewish descent and those practicing the Jewish faith; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County condemns the October 7, 2023, terrorist attacks by Hamas militants who not only launched unprovoked missile attacks at civilian populations, but also breached border security with 1000’s of soldiers on the ground, by boat, and via air by paragliders. These Hamas militants indiscriminately gunned down peaceful civilians, broke into homes killing unarmed civilians, kidnapping women, and children, ultimately smuggling them out of the borders of Israel; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County condemns the heinous crimes of terror including but not limited to rape, torture, beheading, and burning alive, that was committed against these civilians who were abducted against their will, including infants; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County also condemns Hamas for restricting the exodus of civilian populations from the Gaza strip therein using them as human shields during military actions; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County further support Israel’s ability to defend its sovereignty, its citizens, and its resources against any invading / attacking force, while also using all efforts necessary to extract those who were kidnapped and smuggled outside of the borders of Israel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim unwavering support for Israel and our Israeli citizens in Hernando County as the horrific realities of terrorism and war affect them and their families each day this conflict continues.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners states that Hernando County joins cities, counties and states across the nation in declaring there is no place for terroristic violence and condemns the acts of Hamas, which resulted in deaths, injuries, and displacement of thousands as of November 7, 2023.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 7th day of November 2023, A.D

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Attest:

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