

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
SUPPORTING ISRAEL AND CONDEMNING THE
UNPROVOKED AND UNJUSTIFIED WAR LAUNCHED BY
HAMAS TERRORISTS AGAINST ISRAEL.**

WHEREAS, early Saturday morning, October 7, 2023, Hamas, the terrorist organization that controls Gaza, launched an unprovoked and unjustified war on Israel by air, land, and sea, including launching thousands of missiles; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of State and European Union have designated Hamas a terrorist organization because of its armed attacks against Israel, which have included suicide bombings and rocket attacks; and

WHEREAS, the large-scale surprise attack by Hamas and the atrocities and war crimes committed by these terrorists represents the most dangerous escalation of violence in decades and comes almost exactly 50 years after the Yom Kippur War against Israel in 1973; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, the Hamas terrorist organization sent terrorists through the security barrier into southern Israel, slaughtering innocent civilians and abducting hundreds of them as hostages, including women, children, babies, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Hamas terrorists also launched thousands of missiles into southern and central Israel; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,200 people were killed and over 2,500 injured in Israel from Hamas' massive surprise assault, including innocent women, children, babies, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, at least 25 American citizens in Israel are among those killed by Hamas terrorists, confirmed by officials from the U.S. State Department and the National Security Council; and

WHEREAS, there are still a number of unaccounted-for Americans that the State Department is working with its Israeli partners to help locate; and

WHEREAS, early Sunday, October 8, 2023, Israeli forces were still fighting to regain control of eight areas of the country's territory from Hamas terrorists; and

WHEREAS, the death tolls are expected to rise; and

WHEREAS, as Israel formally declared war on Hamas on October 8, 2023, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu predicted a “long and difficult war”; and

WHEREAS, the acts of terrorism committed by Hamas against Israel threaten global peace and security; and

WHEREAS, this Commission supports Israel and its right to protect its citizens from the heinous crimes committed by Hamas terrorists; and

WHEREAS, this Commission recognizes the unique and special relationship and deep connection that the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County and the City of Coral Gables have with the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, this Commission supports the safety of Jews wherever they are and supports the protection of the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, this Commission supports Israel as it defends itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas, and calls on the world to do the same; and

WHEREAS, this Commission condemns Hamas’ brutal war on Israel,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission hereby supports Israel and condemns the unprovoked and unjustified attack against Israel by Hamas terrorists.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D. 2023.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO

MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY URQUIA

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

CRISTINA SUÁREZ

CITY ATTORNEY