

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-310**

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 approximately 203 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 1,400 people were killed and over 4,500 injured in Israel from Hamas' massive surprise assault, including innocent women, children, babies, and the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, at least 32 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.

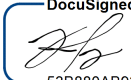
**SECTION 2.** The City Commission hereby supports Israel and condemns the unprovoked and unjustified attack against Israel by Hamas terrorists.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

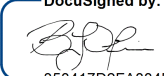
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D.,  
2023.

(Moved: Fernandez / Seconded: Menendez)  
(Yeas: Menendez, Anderson, Castro, Fernandez, Lago)  
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)  
(Agenda Item: F-7)

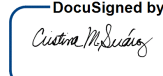
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