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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of destroying the State of Israel and has been designated by the United States as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

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WHEREAS, The Hamas terrorist organization launched a brutal, highly-organized, and unprecedented attack upon Israel and its citizens in the early morning hours of October 7, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, In its attack, Hamas killed hundreds of innocent civilians and took hundreds of Israeli children, women, elderly, and infirm civilians hostage; and

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WHEREAS, In its attack, Hamas fired thousands of rockets against Israeli population centers in an attempt to kill untold numbers of innocent civilians; and

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WHEREAS, The level of logistical sophistication demonstrated in this Hamas terrorism operation indicates its receipt of support and funding from foreign state sponsors of terror, namely Iran; and

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WHEREAS, The timing of this Hamas terrorism operation to coincide with the observance of the Jewish Sabbath and

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1 celebration of the Sukkoth holiday demonstrates the intent to
2 maximize civilian casualties; and

3 WHEREAS, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements of
4 its terrorist infrastructure in civilian population centers,
5 using civilians as human shields; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we strongly condemn the attacks on the State of Israel and its
9 people and strongly implore the government of Israel to bring
10 the terrorist organization, Hamas, to an end; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our support and unwavering
13 commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State
14 of Israel; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we recognize Israel's right to act
16 decisively and unilaterally in self-defense to protect its
17 citizens; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we express our support for Israel's right
19 to pursue without interference or condemnation the elimination
20 of Hamas until Hamas is permanently neutralized and public
21 safety is assured; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we convey our most heartfelt condolences to
2 all Israeli victims as well as their families and communities;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we call upon Illinois law enforcement to
5 remain vigilant in protecting Israeli Americans, Jewish
6 Americans, and all supporters of Israel from acts of crime and
7 unlawful discrimination that tend to manifest at such times;
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we encourage all other American states to
10 likewise condemn Hamas as well as any official body that
11 refuses to recognize Israel's right to act decisively in
12 self-defense to protect its citizens; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we call upon the United States to provide
14 assistance to support Israel in its defense against Hamas and
15 all other terrorist organizations that threaten its
16 sovereignty; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 delivered to all Illinois Constitutional Officers, the Speaker
19 and Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives,
20 the President and Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate, and
21 all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.