

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution expressing)
solidarity with Israel and standing with)
Israel as it defends itself against the)
heinous terrorist attacks by Hamas and)
other terrorists.

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched a massive, unprovoked war on Israel by air, land, and sea, including firing thousands of rockets; 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, Hamas terrorists crossed the land border and began slaughtering Israelis and abducting 100 to 150 hostages in southern Israel towns, including children and the elderly, and those numbers of hostages are growing each day; and,

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, Hamas launched over 4,500 rockets into southern and central Israel and have killed over 900 Israelis and injured more than 2,600 others; and,

WHEREAS, at least 22 United States citizens in Israel are among those killed by Hamas since October 7, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, Hamas is directly responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Palestinians and thousands more wounded; and,

WHEREAS, the expansion of this war to other fronts by Hezbollah, Iran, or others would create an even more devastating regional catastrophe; and,

WHEREAS, the United States has provided aid to Israel annually in Foreign Military Financing Program assistance and missile defense, including the Iron Dome Defense system; and,

WHEREAS, Israel continues to be a major non-North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ally and major strategic partner of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, County of Monterey is home to thousands of Jewish American residents who are concerned about the safety and security for the people of Israel, including their own families and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all of the residents thereof, expresses its solidarity with Israel and stands with Israel as it defends itself against the heinous terrorist attacks by Hamas and other terrorists, condemns the brutal violent attacks and slaughter of innocent civilians, and urges Hamas to immediately release all hostages.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as we support Israel’s right to defend itself against terror, we call for just and lasting peace for Israelis and Palestinians alike.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors hereby orders that the flag of Israel be installed in the Board of Supervisors Chamber in solidarity with Israel and that it remain in chambers until the war comes to an end; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our state and federal legislators.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 17th day of October, 2023, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy