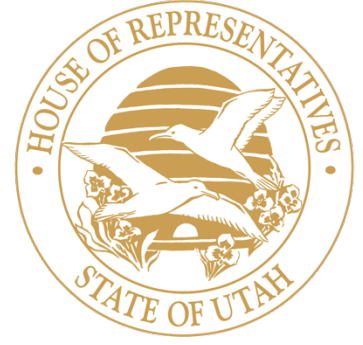




Utah State Legislature
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Supporting the State of Israel

Be it hereby made known to all by the Utah Legislature:

WHEREAS, in the early morning of October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a brutal, highly organized, and vicious attack on Israel;

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;

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

WHEREAS, Hamas murdered more than one thousand Israelis and over a dozen American citizens, tortured innocent civilians, and took hundreds of children, women, elderly, and infirm civilians hostage;

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;

WHEREAS, the timing of the attacks coincided with the observance of the Jewish Sabbath and celebration of the Sukkot holiday and demonstrated the intent to maximize civilian casualties and to disrespect the holiest of Jewish traditions;

WHEREAS, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements of its terrorist infrastructure in civilian population centers, intentionally using civilians as human shields;

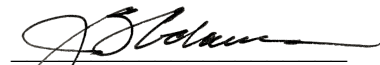
WHEREAS, Utah has strong ties with Israel, including religious foundations, family-centered values, comparable geographic features, and dynamic ecosystems and economies. Both Utah and Israel are important trading partners and have cultivated mutually beneficial relationships;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, the Utah Legislature expresses our steadfast and united support to the State of Israel and condemns in the strongest terms the horrific and appalling acts of terrorism perpetrated by Hamas against Israel. Utah supports Israel in its efforts to defend itself and its people against such atrocities in self-defense to protect its citizens;

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, the Utah Legislature urges all countries, especially parties to the Abraham Accords, to denounce Hamas' unprovoked attack and encourages the United States to continue to support Israel in its defense against Hamas and all other terrorist organizations;

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, the Utah Legislature calls upon Utah law enforcement to remain vigilant in protecting Israeli Americans, Jewish Americans, and all supporters of Israel from acts of crime and unlawful discrimination that tend to manifest at such times; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, on this 11th day of October 2023 that the Utah Legislature commends the courage and resolve shown by the Israeli people in their pursuit to defeat terrorism and pay tribute to the many men, women, and children who lost their lives in these horrific attacks.



President J. Stuart Adams



Speaker Brad Wilson