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03/07/2024		Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

1.1 A resolution

1.2 memorializing the President and Congress to provide assistance to support Israel in its

1.3 defense against Hamas.

1.4 WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of destroying the State of Israel and

1.5 has been designated by the United States as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

1.6 WHEREAS, the Hamas terrorist organization launched a brutal, highly organized, and

1.7 unprecedented attack upon Israel and its citizens in the early morning hours of October 7, 2023;

1.8 and

1.9 WHEREAS, in its attack, Hamas has killed hundreds of innocent civilians and taken hundreds

1.10 of Israeli children, women, elderly, and infirm civilians hostage; and

1.11 WHEREAS, in its attack, Hamas has fired thousands of rockets against Israeli population

1.12 centers in an attempt to kill untold numbers of innocent civilians; and

1.13 WHEREAS, the level of logistical sophistication demonstrated in this Hamas terrorism

1.14 operation indicates its receipt of support and funding from foreign state sponsors of terror, namely

1.15 Iran; and

1.16 WHEREAS, the timing of this Hamas terrorism operation to coincide with the observance

1.17 of the Jewish Sabbath and celebration of significant Jewish holidays demonstrates the intent to

1.18 maximize civilian casualties; and

1.19 WHEREAS, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements of its terrorist infrastructure in

1.20 civilian population centers, using civilians as human shields; NOW, THEREFORE,

1.21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it reaffirms its support

1.22 and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel.

2.1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes Israel's right to act decisively  
2.2 and unilaterally in self-defense to protect its citizens and oppose any pressure to enact a ceasefire  
2.3 prematurely before Israel has secured its safety.

2.4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature expresses its support for Israel's right to  
2.5 pursue without interference or condemnation the elimination of Hamas and any other affiliated  
2.6 groups until Hamas and all such groups are permanently neutralized and public safety is assured.

2.7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature conveys its most heartfelt condolences  
2.8 to all Israeli victims as well as their families and communities.

2.9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature calls upon this state's law enforcement  
2.10 agencies to remain vigilant in protecting Israeli Americans and all supporters of Israel from acts  
2.11 of crime and unlawful discrimination that tend to manifest at such times.

2.12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages all other American states to  
2.13 likewise condemn Hamas as well as any official body that refuses to recognize Israel's right to act  
2.14 decisively in self-defense to protect its citizens.

2.15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature calls upon the United States to provide  
2.16 all assistance as may be required to support Israel in its defense against Hamas and all other terrorist  
2.17 organizations.

2.18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed  
2.19 to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the  
2.20 President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United  
2.21 States House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.