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A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the unprovoked terrorist attack launched by Hamas  
2 against the State of Israel on October 7, 2023, during the  
3 sacred Jewish Sabbath, also known as Shabbat; and expressing  
4 deep condolences to the families of those who have lost their  
5 lives as a result of this senseless act of violence.

6 WHEREAS, On October 7, 2023, during the sacred Jewish  
7 Sabbath, also known as Shabbat, and nearly 50 years to the day  
8 following the commencement of the Yom Kippur War, a war  
9 deliberately initiated on Judaism's holiest day, Hamas initiated  
10 an unprovoked terrorist attack against the State of Israel; and

11 WHEREAS, Hostilities were initiated by a rocket barrage of  
12 more than 5,000 missiles, which killed more than 1,000 Israeli  
13 civilians and soldiers; and

14 WHEREAS, The brutal and savage attacks by Hamas resulted in  
15 more than 2,000 Israeli wounded; and

16 WHEREAS, This reprehensible act also involved the invasion of  
17 Israeli communities located near the Gaza Strip, leading to a

1 tragic loss of life and the taking of innocent civilians as  
2 hostages, including elderly women and young children, causing  
3 immense suffering and anguish; and

4 WHEREAS, It is the moral and ethical duty of the  
5 international community to stand firmly against acts of  
6 terrorism and violence targeting innocent civilians, regardless  
7 of their nationality or religious affiliation; and

8 WHEREAS, The longstanding friendship and alliance between the  
9 United States and the State of Israel is built on shared values,  
10 principles and mutual respect for democracy, human rights and  
11 the rule of law; and

12 WHEREAS, On October 9, 2023, President Macron of France,  
13 Chancellor Scholz of Germany, Prime Minister Meloni of Italy,  
14 Prime Minister Sunak of the United Kingdom and President Biden  
15 expressed their steadfast and united support to the State of  
16 Israel and their unequivocal condemnation of Hamas and its  
17 appalling acts of terrorism; and

18 WHEREAS, The State of Israel is a sovereign nation with the  
19 inherent right to defend its citizens and territory from  
20 external threats and the people of Israel deserve our unwavering  
21 support in their time of need; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate condemn the unprovoked terrorist  
23 attack launched by Hamas against the State of Israel on October  
24 7, 2023, the Jewish Sabbath, also known as Shabbat; and be it  
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate express deep condolences to the  
27 families of those who have lost their lives as a result of this  
28 senseless act of violence; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate pledge its solidarity with the  
30 Israeli people during this challenging time and its unwavering

1 support for the State of Israel's right to defend itself against  
2 this barbaric war and to ensure the safety and security of its  
3 citizens; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That the Senate call upon the Congress of the  
5 United States and the international community to condemn  
6 unequivocally acts of terrorism and violence deliberately  
7 targeting civilians and to support efforts aimed at achieving a  
8 lasting and peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian  
9 conflict.