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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024**

**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**CONDEMNING THE BARBARIC ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL ON OCTOBER 7, 2023,  
BY HAMAS AND OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS**

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, de la Cruz, Zurier, Rogers, E Morgan, Paolino, and  
DeLuca

Date Introduced: February 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

1           WHEREAS, On October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched an unprovoked and massive  
2 attack on the nation of Israel, attacking by air, sea and land, murdering raping and kidnapping  
3 innocent civilians, including children, woman and elderly people; and

4           WHEREAS, Since October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists have killed more than 1,200 Israelis  
5 and injured more than 12,000; and

6           WHEREAS, At least 11 United States citizens in Israel have been killed by Hamas since  
7 October 7, 2023; and

8           WHEREAS, Since October 7, 2023, Hamas has been directly responsible for the deaths  
9 of thousands of Palestinians; and

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

12          WHEREAS, Hamas is a United States-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

13          WHEREAS, Iran has long provided support to Hamas and other terrorist groups and  
14 proxies, and prior United States Government unclassified assessments indicated that, “Iran has  
15 historically provided up to \$100 million annually in combined support to Palestinian terrorist  
16 groups including Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PLJ) and the Popular Front for the Liberation  
17 of Palestine-General Command”; and

18          WHEREAS, Hamas used rudimentary, civilian equipment, such as bulldozers,  
19 paragliders, and rubber boats in its assault on Israel, demonstrating the importance of fully

1 enforcing tight controls on what materials go into the Gaza strip, including thorough vetting of all  
2 forms of assistance; and

3 WHEREAS, Israel is a major non-NATO ally and major strategic partner of the United  
4 States; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby:

- 6 1. Stands with Israel as it defends itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas and  
7 other terrorist organizations;
- 8 2. Reaffirms Israel's right to self-defense;
- 9 3. Condemns Hamas' brutal war against Israel;
- 10 4. Calls on all countries to unequivocally condemn Hamas' brutal war against Israel;
- 11 5. Calls on Hamas to immediately cease these violent attacks and safely release all living  
12 hostages and return the bodies of deceased hostages;
- 13 6. Mourns the more than 1,200 Israelis and 11 Americans killed and over 12,000 others  
14 wounded in Hamas' unprovoked attack on Israel;
- 15 7. Reaffirms the United States commitment to Israel's security, including through security  
16 assistance in accordance with the 2016 U.S. Israel Memorandum of Understanding;
- 17 8. Urges full enforcement of the Taylor Force Act (Title X of division S of Public Law 115-  
18 141, 132 Stat. 1143) and other restrictions in United States law to prevent United States  
19 foreign assistance benefitting terrorists, directly or indirectly;
- 20 9. Condemns Iran's support for terrorist groups and proxies, including Hamas and the  
21 Palestinians Islamic Jihad;
- 22 10. Urges full enforcement of United States sanctions against Iran to prevent Iran's funding  
23 of terrorist groups, including Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad; and
- 24 11. Stands ready to assist Israel with emergency resupply and other security, diplomatic, and  
25 intelligence support; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
27 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin  
28 Netanyahu, the President of the United States, Joseph Biden, the United States Senate Leaders,  
29 Senators Chuck Schumer and Mitch McConnell, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, Minority  
30 Leader of the House Hakeem Jeffries, the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation, and the  
31 Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres.

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