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Condemning Hamas for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on Israel and demanding that Hamas immediately release all hostages and return them to safety, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 17, 2023

Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. ROMNEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. ERNST, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. WARNER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BENNET, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

Committee discharged; considered, amended, and agreed to with an amended preamble

RESOLUTION

Condemning Hamas for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on Israel and demanding that Hamas immediately release all hostages and return them to safety, and for other purposes.

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas, the Iran-backed terror group, launched premeditated, coordinated, and brutal

terrorist attacks from the Gaza Strip into Israel, targeting the Israeli people;

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas invaded more than 20 communities bordering the Gaza Strip and attacked innocent young people attending the Tribe of Nova music festival;

Whereas, since October 7, 2023, Hamas has killed more than 1,400 Israelis, along with at least 30 United States citizens, and wounded nearly 4,000 people;

Whereas reports and videos have surfaced of Hamas executing Israeli civilians, including entire families being slaughtered and horrific acts of violence targeting young children;

Whereas, since October 7, 2023, Hamas has fired more than 5,000 rockets into Israel;

Whereas it is estimated that nearly 240 people were abducted and are being held hostage in the Gaza Strip;

Whereas more than 20 countries have verified their citizens were either killed or are unaccounted for, with many believed to be taken hostage by Hamas;

Whereas children and the elderly are among those taken hostage by Hamas;

Whereas some hostages, including multiple United States citizens, are known to be in dire need of urgent medical assistance;

Whereas Hamas has threatened to execute hostages and broadcast the executions publicly;

Whereas, in 1997, the United States designated Hamas a foreign terrorist organization;

Whereas United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres condemned the attacks by Hamas in the strongest terms and unequivocally called for the “immediate release of all abducted persons”; and

Whereas the deliberate murder and hostage-taking of innocent civilians are prohibited by international law: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns Hamas in the harshest terms for
3 its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist
4 attacks on Israel;

5 (2) decries Hamas’s abductions and threats
6 made against hostages, including threats to use hos-
7 tages as human shields;

8 (3) demands that Hamas provide access and
9 medical care to all hostages;

10 (4) demands that Hamas immediately release
11 all hostages and return them to safety;

12 (5) calls on the United States to lead a global
13 effort to demand the release of the hostages held
14 captive by Hamas; and

15 (6) expresses sympathy to the hostages and
16 those wounded, and to their families, and mourns
17 those killed by Hamas’s terrorist attacks.

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