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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution expressing the State of Florida's
 3 unwavering support for the State of Israel and Jewish
 4 citizens in Florida and condemning Hamas and anti-
 5 Semitism.

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 7 WHEREAS, beginning on October 7, 2023, Hamas attacked the
 8 State of Israel, indiscriminately raping, torturing, and killing
 9 over 1,400 innocent persons, including Israelis, Americans, and
 10 other nationals, among whom were babies and Holocaust survivors,
 11 and taking 240 Israelis, Americans, and other civilians as
 12 hostages, and

13 WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists and their
 14 allies have launched over 7,400 rockets into southern and
 15 central Israel, the sole goal of which was to kill Israeli
 16 civilians, and

17 WHEREAS, Hamas and Iranian leadership have called for the
 18 extermination of Israelis, Americans, Jews, and Christians
 19 around the world and the establishment of a global Islamic
 20 caliphate, and

21 WHEREAS, the stated goal of Hamas and its allies is the
 22 complete and total destruction of the State of Israel and the
 23 Jewish people, and

24 WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the right and
 25 obligation of the State of Israel to defend itself and to exist

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26 | as a sovereign and independent Jewish state, with the full
27 | rights and privileges afforded to all nations under
28 | international law, and

29 | WHEREAS, the State of Florida prays for the people of the
30 | State of Israel and all those in the world who care for the
31 | State of Israel, as Israel has formally declared war against
32 | Hamas following this heinous and unprecedented attack, and

33 | WHEREAS, across the world, there has been an explosive rise
34 | in virulent anti-Semitism and violence against Jewish people,
35 | including in Florida and across the United States of America,
36 | and

37 | WHEREAS, student organizations on college and university
38 | campuses are hosting and participating in demonstrations against
39 | the State of Israel, expressing support for the terrorist
40 | actions of Hamas, and increasing the usage of anti-Semitic
41 | rhetoric, including calling for violence against all Jewish
42 | people in Florida, and

43 | WHEREAS, the rise in anti-Semitic demonstrations on college
44 | campuses, near houses of worship, and public demonstrations
45 | across the state and across the United States has created a
46 | frightening environment for Jewish students, Jewish families,
47 | and Jewish people across the nation, and

48 | WHEREAS, anti-Semitic protesters have increased hateful
49 | displays, using swastikas and calls for violence against Jewish

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50 | people by holding public demonstrations and projecting these
 51 | messages in plain view of the public, and

52 | WHEREAS, the rise in antisemitic rhetoric has gone beyond
 53 | campus protests and even into the halls of the United States
 54 | Congress, where some elected officials, by votes and through
 55 | their own words, have opposed supporting our greatest ally, the
 56 | State of Israel, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 58 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 59 | Florida:

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 61 | That the Florida House of Representatives condemns the
 62 | unprovoked, barbaric attack by Hamas against the State of Israel
 63 | and its citizens and supports Israel's right to defend itself
 64 | and protect its citizens from indiscriminate violence and
 65 | terrorism by eliminating Hamas without ceasefire or pause.

66 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Florida House of Representatives
 67 | stands in solidarity with its ally, the State of Israel, the
 68 | Israeli people, and Jewish citizens across the State of Florida
 69 | and the United States of America.

70 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida House of
 71 | Representatives condemns proliferation of anti-Semitic rhetoric
 72 | and public displays, which create unsafe learning and working
 73 | environments for Jewish citizens, whether in Congress or on
 74 | college campuses.

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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida House of
76 Representatives mourns the loss of life suffered by Israelis,
77 Americans, and other nationals injured or killed in Hamas'
78 unprovoked and barbaric attack on the State of Israel.

79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida House of
80 Representatives demands the United States Government end all
81 financial support, whether directly or indirectly, to
82 Palestinian and Iranian affiliated organizations.

83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
84 the Seal of the Florida House of Representatives affixed, be
85 presented to the President of the United States, each member of
86 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress, and the
87 Ambassador of the State of Israel to the United States as a
88 testament to the enduring partnership between our states and the
89 unwavering support of the State of Florida for the State of
90 Israel and the Jewish diaspora.