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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE NATION OF ISRAEL IN ITS EFFORTS TO DEFEND ITSELF AND ITS
CITIZENS FROM TERRORISM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of destroying the
2 Jewish State of Israel, and the United States has designated Hamas as a
3 Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

4 Whereas, Hamas launched a brutal, unprovoked and highly organized
5 attack on Israel and its citizens on October 7, 2023, during the Jewish
6 holy day of Simchat Torah; and

7 Whereas, in its attack, Hamas killed more than 1,200 innocent
8 civilians and took hundreds of Israeli, United States and foreign national
9 children, women, elderly individuals and infirm civilians hostage; and

10 Whereas, in its attack, Hamas has fired thousands of rockets against
11 Israeli population centers in an attempt to kill untold numbers of
12 innocent civilians; and

13 Whereas, the level of logistical sophistication demonstrated in this
14 Hamas terrorism operation indicates its receipt of support and funding
15 from foreign state sponsors of terror, namely Iran; and

16 Whereas, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements of its
17 terrorist infrastructure in civilian population centers using civilians as
18 human shields; and

19 Whereas, the State of Arizona and Israel share spiritual, economic
20 and social ties and values that bind our societies together. Since 1948,
21 the two countries have enjoyed a cordial and mutually beneficial
22 relationship, which grows stronger with each passing year, and Arizona has
23 established a trade office in Israel; and

24 Whereas, the State of Arizona stands with Israel's right to defend
25 itself and rescue those who have been captured, kidnapped, or are missing;
26 and

27 Whereas, the State of Arizona stands with the Israeli people in this
28 time of pain and suffering and mourns for those who have needlessly lost
29 their lives and for those who have lost loved ones; and

30 Whereas, the State of Arizona condemns all acts of terrorism, which
31 are broadly defined and classified as class 2 felonies under Arizona law;
32 and

33 Whereas, Jewish communities, including those in Arizona, are facing
34 staggering rises in antisemitism, as defined by the International
35 Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and adopted by the State of Arizona and the
36 United States Department of State, including the contemporary examples of
37 antisemitism.

38 Therefore

39 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
40 the Senate concurring:

41 1. That the Members of the Legislature reaffirm their support and
42 unwavering commitment to the welfare, security and survival of the Jewish
43 State of Israel.

44 2. That the Members of the Legislature recognize Israel's right to
45 act decisively and unilaterally in self-defense to protect its citizens.

1 3. That the Members of the Legislature express their support for
2 Israel's right to pursue without interference or condemnation the
3 elimination of Hamas.

4 4. That the Members of the Legislature convey their most heartfelt
5 condolences to all Israeli victims as well as their families and
6 communities.

7 5. That the Members of the Legislature support Arizona's law
8 enforcement community in its efforts to remain vigilant in protecting
9 Israeli Americans, Jewish Americans and all supporters of Israel from acts
10 of crime and unlawful discrimination that tend to manifest in times of
11 turmoil.

12 6. That the Members of the Legislature support Arizona's officials
13 in the Executive Branch in holding fully accountable any individuals who
14 engage in any acts of terrorism supporting Hamas as prohibited by Arizona
15 Revised Statutes section 13-2308.01 and other state laws.

16 7. That the Members of the Legislature encourage all other
17 Americans to likewise condemn Hamas, as well as any official body that
18 refuses to recognize Israel's right to act decisively in self-defense to
19 protect its citizens.

20 8. That the Members of the Legislature support the United States in
21 providing all assistance as may be required to support Israel in its
22 defense against Hamas and all other terrorist organizations.