

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND DENOUNCING THE TERRORIST ACTIONS OF HAMAS; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, during the Jewish festival of Simchat Torah when hundreds of thousands of Israelis were on their way to synagogues to celebrate the holiday and the Sabbath, Hamas and aligned terrorists launched a massive, unprovoked war on Israel; and

WHEREAS, Hamas is a United States designated Foreign Terrorist Organization that exercises control over Gaza, an area of land Israel captured in 1967 during a defensive war and from which Israel fully withdrew in 2005; and

WHEREAS, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. officially stated that the United States unequivocally condemns this appalling assault against Israel by Hamas terrorists from Gaza, and that Israel has a right to defend its people; and

WHEREAS, thousands of innocent men, women, and children have been brutally attacked and murdered by Hamas terrorists; and

WHEREAS, Israel has officially declared a state of war against Hamas; and

WHEREAS, Israel was founded in 1948 as the homeland for the Jewish people, and there are approximately 672,465 Jewish people living in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek, Florida ("City") has a significant Jewish and Israeli population, many of whom have loved ones currently in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, countries world-wide have expressed their unequivocal support of Israel and its right to defend its citizens from these unprovoked and vicious attacks in a

manner designed to promptly end such attacks and deter similar attacks in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City strongly supports the sovereignty of Israel and recognizes its right to self-defense and to protect its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this resolution.

Section 2: That the City Commission expresses its support for Israel's right to exist peacefully, condemns Hamas' brutal unprovoked war on Israel and their citizens and visitors, denounces the terrorist actions of Hamas, and opposes hate, extremism, and violence.

Section 3: That the City strongly supports Israel's right to defend itself and its citizens and visitors against such attacks including, but not limited to, taking all necessary actions against these terrorist organizations, all necessary actions to protect itself and its citizens and visitors, and all appropriate action seeking the safe return of the hostages taken by Hamas and other affiliated terrorist organizations.

Section 4: That the City urges President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and the United States Congress to reaffirm the United States' commitment to Israel's security and provide emergency resupply and other security, diplomatic, and intelligence support to the State of Israel.

Section 5: That City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Consulate General of Israel in Miami, the Jewish Federation of Broward County, the Board of Broward County Commissioners, and all Broward County municipalities.

Section 6: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Joshua Rydell, Mayor

Attest:

Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Rydell _____

Welch _____

Railey _____

Brodie _____

Wasserman _____