

1 INTERIM RESOLUTION 2023-001

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RECOGNIZE THE
4 STATE OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO USE DECISIVE FORCE IN DEFENDING ITS
5 CITIZENS AND ELIMINATING TERRORIST THREATS AND REAFFIRM
6 ARKANSAS'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL.
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8 WHEREAS, in response to the brutal terrorism operation the Hamas
9 terrorist organization has launched upon Israel and its citizens in the early
10 morning hours of October 7, 2023, we resolve Israel has a right to defend
11 itself and its people; and
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13 WHEREAS, the State of Israel has been a longstanding ally of the United
14 States; and
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16 WHEREAS, the State of Israel and the United States share democratic
17 values, cultural ties, and a commitment to freedom and security in the Middle
18 East; and
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20 WHEREAS, it is essential to affirm our solidarity with the State of
21 Israel, recognizing its right to defend itself and its citizens from acts of
22 aggression, terrorism, and violence; and
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24 WHEREAS, the State of Israel faces ongoing challenges to its security
25 and attempts to undermine its sovereignty, particularly by entities such as
26 the Hamas and Hezbollah terrorist organizations that seek to undermine peace
27 and stability in the region; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Hamas terrorist organization was founded with the stated
30 goal of obliterating the State of Israel and has been designated by the
31 United States Department of State as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and
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33 WHEREAS, the people of Arkansas stand for the principles of peace,
34 justice, and security for all nations and believe in fostering peaceful
35 dialogue and negotiation to achieve lasting solutions to conflicts; and
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1 WHEREAS, the world is looking on as Hamas launches a highly organized
2 terrorism operation in Israeli territory which has included:

- 3 (1) killing hundreds of innocent civilians;
4 (2) taking hundreds of Israeli children, women, elderly, and
5 infirm civilians hostage; and
6 (3) firing thousands of rockets and mortars against Israeli
7 populated areas in an attempt to kill innocent civilians; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hamas intentionally initiated its terrorism operation on the
10 observance of the Jewish Sabbath and celebration of the Sukkot holiday to
11 maximize civilian casualties; and
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13 WHEREAS, the level of logistical sophistication demonstrated by Hamas
14 in this terrorism operation indicates receipt of support and funding from
15 foreign state sponsors of terror, namely the Islamic Republic of Iran; and
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17 WHEREAS, Hamas and its affiliate terrorist groups are locating their
18 terrorist infrastructure in civilian population centers, thus using civilians
19 as human shield,
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22 NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-FOURTH
24 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council:

27 (1) Express vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the
28 welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel;

29 (2) Recognize the State of Israel's right to:

30 (A) Act decisively in self-defense to protect its
31 citizens; and

32 (B) Pursue the elimination of Hamas and other Designated
33 Foreign Terrorist Organizations until the terrorism is permanently
34 neutralized and public safety is restored to innocent Israeli civilians;

35 (3) Convey condolences to Israeli victims and their families;

1 (4) Call upon United States law enforcement officials to remain
2 vigilant in protecting Israeli Americans, Jewish Americans, and supporters of
3 the State of Israel from acts of crime and unlawful discrimination that tend
4 to manifest at such times; and

5 (5) Encourage all other states of the United States to condemn
6 Hamas and the Islamic Republic of Iran as well as any official body or public
7 official that refuses to recognize the State of Israel's right to act
8 decisively in self-defense to protect its citizens.

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