

House Resolution 101 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

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1 A Resolution affirming the State of Iowa's support for
2 the State of Israel and condemning the Hamas attack
3 on Israel on October 7, 2023.

4 WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of
5 destroying the State of Israel and has been designated
6 by the United States as a terrorist organization; and

7 WHEREAS, the Hamas terrorist organization launched
8 a brutal, highly organized, and unprecedented attack
9 upon the State of Israel and its citizens in the early
10 morning hours of October 7, 2023; and

11 WHEREAS, in the attack, Hamas killed hundreds
12 of innocent civilians and took hundreds of Israeli
13 children, women, elderly, and infirm civilians
14 hostage; and

15 WHEREAS, in the attack, Hamas fired thousands
16 of rockets against Israeli population centers
17 in an attempt to kill untold numbers of innocent
18 civilians; and

19 WHEREAS, the level of logistical sophistication

1 demonstrated in the Hamas terrorism operation provides
2 evidence that Hamas received support and funding from
3 foreign state sponsors of terror, namely Iran; and

4 WHEREAS, the timing of the Hamas terrorism operation
5 to coincide with the Jewish Sabbath and the Jewish
6 holiday of Simchat Torah demonstrates Hamas' intent to
7 maximize civilian casualties; and

8 WHEREAS, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements
9 of its terrorist infrastructure in civilian population
10 centers using their own civilians as human shields; NOW
11 THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
13 That the House of Representatives hereby reaffirms
14 its support and unwavering commitment to the welfare,
15 security, and survival of the State of Israel; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
17 Representatives recognizes the State of Israel's right
18 to act decisively and unilaterally in self-defense to
19 protect its citizens and oppose any pressure to enact
20 a ceasefire before the State of Israel has secured its
21 safety; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
23 Representatives expresses its support for the State
24 of Israel's right to pursue, without interference or
25 condemnation, the elimination of Hamas and any other
26 affiliated terrorist groups until Hamas and all such
27 groups are permanently neutralized, and public safety
28 is assured; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
30 Representatives conveys its heartfelt condolences

1 to all Israeli victims as well as their families and
2 communities; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
4 Representatives calls upon Iowa's state and local
5 law enforcement agencies to remain vigilant in
6 protecting Israeli Americans and all supporters of
7 the State of Israel from acts of crime and unlawful
8 discrimination; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
10 Representatives condemns the Hamas terrorist
11 organization and encourages all other states to
12 recognize the State of Israel's right to act decisively
13 in self-defense to protect its citizens; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
15 Representatives calls upon the United States to provide
16 any assistance required to support the State of Israel
17 in its defense against Hamas and all other terrorist
18 organizations.