Senate Resolution 101 - Introduced

SENATE 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
- 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
- 20 demonstrated in the Hamas terrorism operation provides
- 21 evidence that Hamas received support and funding from
- 22 foreign state sponsors of terror, namely Iran; and
- 23 WHEREAS, the timing of the Hamas terrorism operation
- 24 to coincide with the Jewish Sabbath and the Jewish
- 25 holiday of Simchat Torah demonstrates Hamas' intent to
- 26 maximize civilian casualties; and
- 27 WHEREAS, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements
- 28 of its terrorist infrastructure in civilian population

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- 1 centers using their own civilians as human shields; NOW
- 2 THEREFORE,
- 3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate hereby
- 4 reaffirms its support and unwavering commitment to
- 5 the welfare, security, and survival of the State of
- 6 Israel; and
- 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognizes
- 8 the State of Israel's right to act decisively and
- 9 unilaterally in self-defense to protect its citizens
- 10 and oppose any pressure to enact a ceasefire before the
- 11 State of Israel has secured its safety; and
- 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate expresses
- 13 its support for the State of Israel's right to pursue,
- 14 without interference or condemnation, the elimination
- 15 of Hamas and any other affiliated terrorist groups
- 16 until Hamas and all such groups are permanently
- 17 neutralized, and public safety is assured; and
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate conveys its
- 19 heartfelt condolences to all Israeli victims as well as
- 20 their families and communities; and
- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate calls upon
- 22 Iowa's state and local law enforcement agencies to
- 23 remain vigilant in protecting Israeli Americans and all
- 24 supporters of the State of Israel from acts of crime
- 25 and unlawful discrimination; and
- 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate condemns the
- 27 Hamas terrorist organization and encourages all other
- 28 states to recognize the State of Israel's right to act
- 29 decisively in self-defense to protect its citizens; and
- 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate calls upon

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- 1 the United States to provide any assistance required
- 2 to support the State of Israel in its defense against
- 3 Hamas and all other terrorist organizations.