

Senate Resolution 103 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 103

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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
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

1 holiday of Simchat Torah demonstrates Hamas' intent to
2 maximize civilian casualties; and

3 WHEREAS, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements
4 of its terrorist infrastructure in civilian population
5 centers using their own civilians as human shields; NOW
6 THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate hereby
8 reaffirms its support and unwavering commitment to
9 the welfare, security, and survival of the State of
10 Israel; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognizes
12 the State of Israel's right to act decisively and
13 unilaterally in self-defense to protect its citizens
14 and oppose any pressure to enact a ceasefire before the
15 State of Israel has secured its safety; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate expresses
17 its support for the State of Israel's right to pursue,
18 without interference or condemnation, the elimination
19 of Hamas and any other affiliated terrorist groups
20 until Hamas and all such groups are permanently
21 neutralized, and public safety is assured; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate conveys its
23 heartfelt condolences to all Israeli victims as well as
24 their families and communities; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate calls upon
26 Iowa's state and local law enforcement agencies to
27 remain vigilant in protecting Israeli Americans and all
28 supporters of the State of Israel from acts of crime
29 and unlawful discrimination; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate condemns the

1 Hamas terrorist organization and encourages all other
2 states to recognize the State of Israel's right to act
3 decisively in self-defense to protect its citizens; and
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate calls upon
5 the United States to provide any assistance required
6 to support the State of Israel in its defense against
7 Hamas and all other terrorist organizations.