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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL AS IT DEFENDS ITSELF
AGAINST THE BARBARIC WAR LAUNCHED BY HAMAS AND OTHER TERRORISTS**

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, Raptakis, DeLuca, Rogers, Paolino, E Morgan, and
Zurier

Date Introduced: January 10, 2024

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

1 WHEREAS, The State of Israel has the right to exist as a sovereign and independent
2 nation, with the full rights and privileges afforded to all nations under international law; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States of America has had a longstanding alliance with the State
4 of Israel, which is founded on shared democratic principles and common interests; and

5 WHEREAS, Beginning on October 7, 2023, Hamas, a United States-designated terrorist
6 organization whose charter calls for the destruction of the State of Israel, launched a massive,
7 unprovoked attack on the State of Israel by air, land, and sea which has resulted in more than
8 1,400 Israelis being murdered and more than 7,000 rockets being launched into the State of Israel;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Hamas terrorists crossed the land border and began slaughtering, raping and
11 torturing Israelis as well as abducting hostages in towns in southern Israel, including children and
12 the elderly; and

13 WHEREAS, Hamas used rudimentary civilian equipment, such as bulldozers,
14 paragliders, and rubber boats in its assault on Israel, demonstrating the importance of fully
15 enforcing tight controls on what materials go into the Gaza Strip, including the vetting of
16 assistance; and

17 WHEREAS, This heinous assault took place just after the 50th Anniversary of the start of
18 the multi-front 1972 Yom Kippur War against Israel; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby stands firmly in

1 solidarity with the State of Israel in its efforts to safeguard its citizens, protect its borders, and
2 ensure the safety and security of its people; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the
4 partnership our country shares with the State of Israel; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate condemns this unprovoked attack by Hamas against Israel
6 and its citizens and supports Israel's right to defend itself and protect its citizens from
7 indiscriminate violence and terrorism; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate unequivocally supports the right of the State of Israel to
9 exist as a sovereign and independent nation, with the full recognition of its borders and territory;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the
13 members of the Rhode Island Congressional delegation, and the Ambassador of the State of Israel
14 to the United States as a testament of the enduring partnership between our states, and the
15 unwavering support of the State of Rhode Island for the State of Israel.

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