

RESOLUTION No. 23-201

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, EXTENDING ITS UNWAVERING SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL; CONDEMNING THE TRAGIC TERRORIST ATTACK PERPETRATED BY HAMAS ON OCTOBER 7, 2023; AND AFFIRMING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST, DEFEND, AND PROTECT ITS CITIZENS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on Saturday morning, October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists initiated an unprovoked and unjustified conflict against Israel; and

WHEREAS, Hamas militants claimed the lives of more than 1,400 individuals, including both civilians and soldiers, and took approximately 200 hostages, intensifying the crisis; and

WHEREAS, this large-scale surprise attack by Hamas represents the most perilous escalation in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict since the events of 50 years ago, particularly evoking memories of the surprise attack launched by Israel's Arab neighbors, Egypt and Syria, on Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, which took place on October 6, 1973; and

WHEREAS, Israel responded to this crisis by formally declaring war on Hamas on October 8, 2023, with a feared significant rise in the death toll, underscoring the gravity of the situation; and

WHEREAS, the Israeli Defense Forces report that the conflict has tragically resulted in the loss of more than 1,300 lives, with the majority of victims being civilians, and over 2,500 people sustaining injuries in Israel due to Hamas' actions; and

WHEREAS, at least 31 American citizens have lost their lives, as confirmed by officials from the U.S. State Department and the National Security; and

WHEREAS, the acts of terrorism committed by Hamas against Israel pose a significant threat to global security; and

WHEREAS, the United States firmly stands with Israel in these trying times, as expressed by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's statement: "You may be strong enough on your own to defend yourself, but as long as America exists, you will never, ever have to. We will always be there by your side; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral City Council strongly condemns Hamas' brutal, unprovoked, and unjustified attack on Israel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral City Council affirms its support for Israel's inherent right to defend itself against the brutal war initiated by Hamas, a terrorist organization designated as such by the United States Department of State.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Solidarity and Support for the State of Israel. The City Council for the City of Doral condemns the terror attack perpetrated by Hamas on October 7, 2023, in the state of Israel, which resulted in the loss of hundreds of innocent lives and caused immeasurable suffering to countless families; expresses its deepest condolences to the families of the victims and its solidarity with the people of Israel during this difficult time; recognizes and affirms the right of the state of Israel to exist as a sovereign and independent nation, and acknowledges its duty to protect and defend its citizens from acts of terror and aggression.

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk for the City of Doral is hereby directed to

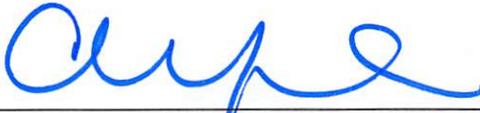
transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Florida League of Cities, the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, all municipalities in Miami-Dade County, and the office of the Florida Governor.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Pineyro who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabral and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	Yes
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8 day of November, 2023.



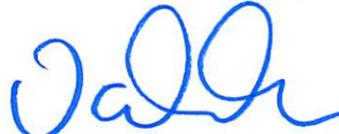
CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:



VALERIE VICENTE, ESQ. for
NABORS, GIBLIN & NICKERSON, P.A.
CITY ATTORNEY