

# A RESOLUTION

To express the 135th General Assembly of Ohio's unwavering support for the people of Israel and condemnation of recent attacks against the state of Israel.

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:*

WHEREAS, Israel is the strongest ally to the United States of America in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, The safety and security of Israel is of paramount importance to stability and peace in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has long been a partner in trade and civil exchange with Israel; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is home to many Israeli citizens, Ohioans of Jewish faith, and countless other Ohioans who support the people of Israel; and

WHEREAS, On October 7, 2023, Iran-backed Hamas extremists carried out heinous and unprecedented attacks against the people of Israel and their rightful homeland; and

WHEREAS, The deaths of more than 700 Israeli citizens represent a terrorist attack at an unprecedented scale and have been caused by brutal, unthinkable attacks on children, families, and other defenseless civilians; and

WHEREAS, The inhumane actions of the Iran-backed terrorists against the children, mothers, fathers, grandparents, sons, and daughters of Israel were unprecedented and cowardly; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, express our unwavering support for the people of Israel and their desire for a safe, secure, and free Israel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we unequivocally condemn the cowardly actions of Hamas and their unprecedented attack on Israeli citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we offer our prayers for peace and the protection of innocent lives during this conflict; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commit to steadfastly supporting Israel and its citizens as they strive for peace and to prevent Hamas from harming Israeli citizens in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper authorities in the State of Israel, and the news media of Ohio.

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*Speaker* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the House of Representatives.*

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_