

RESOLUTION No. 24-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING PEACE AND SECURITY FOR ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of destroying the State of Israel and has been designated by the United States as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Hamas terrorist organization launched a brutal, highly organized, and unprecedented attack upon Israel and its citizens in the early morning hours of October 7, 2023, making it the deadliest day worldwide for the Jewish community since the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, in its attack, Hamas killed thousands of innocent civilians and took hundreds of Israeli children, women, elderly, and infirm civilians' hostage; and

WHEREAS, Hamas continues to hold eight American citizens hostage as well;

WHEREAS, the level of logistical sophistication demonstrated in this Hamas terrorism operation demonstrates its receipt of support and funding from foreign state sponsors of terror, namely Iran; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the October 7th attack on Israel, Hamas and Iran have fired thousands of rockets and missiles against Israeli population centers in an attempt to kill untold numbers of innocent civilians, including an attack in which Iran launched hundreds of ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and drones putting the lives of innocent civilians at risk; and

WHEREAS, Hamas continues to hold captive hostages, including children, women, elderly, and infirm individuals, and the immediate release of all those innocent hostages is a humanitarian imperative; and

WHEREAS, Hamas continues to purposefully locate key elements of its terrorist infrastructure and operate from within civilian population centers, including schools, hospitals, and UN facilities, in order to use civilians as human shields and maximize casualties among Palestinians; and

WHEREAS, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) has announced that data on fatalities of women and children was falsified by the Hamas-controlled Government Media Office (GMO) in Gaza, and that the actual number of deceased Gazans is less than half of what was originally reported; and

WHEREAS, by a vote of 377 – 44 the United States House of Representatives passed a resolution recognizing that the slogan, "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" is antisemitic and that its use must be condemned; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral previously affirmed its stance against Antisemitism through its passing of the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) resolution on October 27, 2020, reflecting its enduring commitment to fostering peace and security; and

WHEREAS, Israel stands as a mirror image of American Democracy in the Middle East, that reflects shared values and mutual interests, underscoring the importance of supporting its sovereignty and security; and

WHEREAS, Hamas leaders have openly stated their intent to repeat similar attacks until the State of Israel is “annihilated” Hamas, Iran, and all Iranian terror proxies not only call for the elimination of Israel, but also the United States. This heinous war has been waged not only against Israel, but also America and all who adhere to democratic values.

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. Support. The City Council recognizes that the Hamas terrorist organization must be defeated in order for there to be peace and security for Israelis and Palestinians; Commends the extraordinary measures Israel has taken to minimize casualties among innocent Palestinians in Gaza; Recognizes Israel's right to act decisively and unilaterally in self-defense; Calls upon the Biden Administration to immediately transfer all Congressionally approved military aid to Israel and thereby safeguard the security and stability of the region; Expresses its support for Israel's right to pursue without interference or condemnation the elimination of Hamas until Hamas is permanently eradicated and the hostages are released immediately and returned home safely; Call upon law enforcement to remain vigilant in protecting all of our residents from acts of crime and unlawful discrimination that tend to manifest at such times, especially as we witness the global rise in antisemitic incidences targeting Jewish individuals and institutions.

Section 3. Effective Date. The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14 day of August, 2024.

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:

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