

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 17, 2023

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution supporting Israel and  
condemning the unprovoked and  
unjustified war launched by Hamas  
terrorists against Israel

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Senator René García and Commissioner Micky Steinberg.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ISRAEL AND CONDEMNING  
THE UNPROVOKED AND UNJUSTIFIED WAR LAUNCHED  
BY HAMAS TERRORISTS AGAINST ISRAEL

**WHEREAS**, early Saturday morning, October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists, the militant group that controls Gaza, launched an unprovoked and unjustified war on Israel by air, land, and sea, including launching thousands of missiles; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of State and European Union have designated Hamas a terrorist organization because of its armed resistance against Israel, which has included suicide bombings and rocket attacks; and

**WHEREAS**, the large-scale surprise attack by Hamas represents the most dangerous escalation in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict in decades and comes almost exactly 50 years after the Yom Kippur War against Israel in 1973, when Israel was similarly taken by surprise in a sudden attack by neighboring Egypt and Syria; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists sent gunman through the security barrier into southern Israel, slaughtering innocent civilians and abducting many of them as hostages, including women, children, and the elderly, according to Israeli Defense Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, Hamas terrorists also launched thousands of missiles into southern and central Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Israeli Defense Forces, more than 900 people were killed and over 2,500 injured in Israel from Hamas’ massive surprise assault, including innocent women, children, and the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, eleven American citizens in Israel are among those killed by Hamas terrorists, confirmed by officials from the U.S. State Department and the National Security Council; and

**WHEREAS**, there are still a number of unaccounted-for Americans that the State Department is working with its Israeli partners to help locate; and

**WHEREAS**, early Sunday, October 8, 2023, Israeli forces were still fighting to regain control of eight areas of the country's territory from Hamas terrorists; and

**WHEREAS**, the death tolls are expected to rise significantly as Israel formally declared war on Hamas on October 8, 2023, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu predicted a "long and difficult war"; and

**WHEREAS**, the acts of terrorism committed by Hamas against Israel threatens global peace and security; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board supports Israel as it protects its citizens from the heinous crimes committed by Hamas terrorists; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board supports Israel as it defends itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board condemns Hamas' brutal war on Israel,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Supports Israel and condemns the unprovoked and unjustified war launched by Hamas terrorists against Israel.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Senator René García and Commissioner Micky Steinberg. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin