

MEMORANDUM

Substitute
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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

Resolution No. R-935-23

This substitute differs from the original version in that it is updated to reflect more current information as the situation continues to evolve.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Senator René García and Commissioner Micky Steinberg, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera, Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins, Commissioner Eileen Higgins and Vice Chairman Anthony Rodríguez.


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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 _____ Substitute
Veto _____ Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)
Override _____ 10-17-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-935-23

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]]~~¹ >>terrorist organization<< 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 >>and the atrocities and war crimes committed by these terrorists<< represent[[s]] the most dangerous escalation >>of violence<< ~~[[in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict]]~~ in decades and come[[s]] 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, >>the<< Hamas terrorist[[s]] >>organization<< sent ~~[[gunman]]~~ >>terrorists<< through the security barrier into southern Israel, slaughtering innocent civilians and abducting many of them as hostages, including women, children, >>babies<< and the elderly~~[[, according to Israeli Defense Forces]]~~; and

¹ The differences between the substitute and the original item are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

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

WHEREAS, ~~[[according to Israeli Defense Forces,]]~~ more than ~~[[900]]~~ >>1,200<< people were killed and over 2,500 injured in Israel from Hamas' massive surprise assault, including innocent women, children, >>babies,<< and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, ~~[[eleven]]~~ >>at least 25<< 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**, as Israel formally declared war on Hamas on October 8, 2023, 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]]~~ >>and her right to<< protects its citizens from the heinous crimes committed by Hamas terrorists; and

>>WHEREAS, this Board recognizes the unique and special relationship and deep connection that the State of Florida in general, and Miami-Dade County in particular, has with the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports the safety of Jews wherever they are and supports the protection of the State of Israel; and<<

WHEREAS, this Board supports Israel ~~[[as it]]~~ >>and her right to<< defend~~[[s]]~~ itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas>>, and calls the world to do the same<<; 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, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera, Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins, Commissioner Eileen Higgins and Vice Chairman Anthony Rodríguez. It was offered by Commissioner **Sen. René García**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Micky Steinberg** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th 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: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin