

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(4)

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

DATE: October 1, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution expressing and
reaffirming support to the people
of Israel one year after the
unprovoked and unjustified
attack on October 7, 2023

Resolution No. R-898-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.


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County Attorney

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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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10-1-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-898-24

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING AND REAFFIRMING SUPPORT
TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ONE YEAR AFTER THE
UNPROVOKED AND UNJUSTIFIED ATTACK ON OCTOBER
7, 2023

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

WHEREAS, the Hamas terrorists slaughtered innocent civilians and abducted many of them as hostages, including women, children, babies, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of State and the 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 represented the most dangerous escalation of violence in the region in decades and came almost exactly 50 years after the Yom Kippur War against Israel in 1973; and

WHEREAS, during the attack, more than 1,100 Israelis and foreigners were killed, including over 800 innocent civilians; and

WHEREAS, in addition, an estimated 250 Israelis and foreigners were taken captive as hostages into Gaza; and

WHEREAS, according to various news outlets, nearly a year later, 97 people taken hostage are believed to still be in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, at least seven of those in Hamas captivity have American citizenship, and at least three are believed to be dead, according to Israeli officials; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports Israel's right to protect its citizens from the heinous crimes committed by Hamas terrorists and from other acts of aggression in the region; and

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

WHEREAS, this Board further reaffirms its support for the people of Israel and for the protection of the State of Israel,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board expresses and reaffirms its support to the people of Israel one year after the unprovoked and unjustified attack October 7, 2023.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of October, 2024. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JZ", is written over a horizontal line.

Javier Zapata