## OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MICHAEL FLAHERTY



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE ISRAELI PEOPLE

- **WHEREAS,** The State of Israel declared independence on May 14, 1948 after the Jewish people had suffered through the Holocaust and World War II; and
- **WHEREAS,** Israelis have had to fight to exist and thrive since the founding of their country; and
- **WHEREAS,** On October 7, 2023, Israel was viciously attacked and invaded by Hamas, a militant group officially designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S. Department of State since 1997; *and*
- **WHEREAS**, Innocent men, women, children and elderly citizens were brutally killed, tortured and kidnapped by Hamas; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Over 1,400 Israelis have been killed as a result of the terrorist attack, at least 30 confirmed Americans are among the dead and over 2,700 innocent Palestinians have died as a direct result of the cowardly terrorist actions of Hamas; and
- **RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council expresses solidarity with the State of Israel and the Israeli people, as well as those innocent Palestinians suffering as a result of the terrorist acts perpetrated by Hamas;

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** The Boston City Council strongly condemns Hamas and their brutal terrorist acts against Israel and urges our federal government to provide whatever assistance it can to the State of Israel and the Israeli people.

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