

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

RESOLUTIONS CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO STAND WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL IN THEIR TIME OF NEED, SUPPORT THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND WORK TOWARDS THE SAFE RETURN OF THOSE WHO ARE BEING HELD HOSTAGE.

1 WHEREAS, ON OCTOBER 7, 2023, THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION KNOWN
2 AS HAMAS LAUNCHED A BRUTAL, BARBARIC ASSAULT AND ATTACK ON THE
3 STATE OF ISRAEL AND BROUGHT IMMENSE SUFFERING TO THE INNOCENT
4 CIVILIANS OF ISRAEL AND THE REGION; AND

5 WHEREAS, THE ISRAELI PEOPLE HAVE AN INALIENABLE RIGHT TO DEFEND
6 THEMSELVES AGAINST ACTS OF TERRORISM; AND

7 WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH MOURNS THE THOUSANDS OF
8 INNOCENT VICTIMS OF HAMAS’S TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST ISRAEL,
9 INCLUDING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND BABIES, AND IS GRAVELY CONCERNED FOR
10 THE MANY INNOCENT CIVILIANS WHO HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED AND ARE BEING
11 HELD HOSTAGE; AND

12 WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH HAS CONTINUOUSLY DEMONSTRATED
13 AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING INNOCENT VICTIMS OF
14 VIOLENCE AND CALLS FOR A SAFE RETURN OF THE ISRAELIS, AMERICANS AND
15 OTHER NATIONALS WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN KIDNAPPED AND ARE BEING
16 HELD HOSTAGE; AND

17 WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH MUST STRONGLY CONDEMN THESE
18 HEINOUS TERRORIST ACTIONS BY HAMAS IN ISRAEL; AND

19 WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE
20 JEWISH COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL, THE COMMONWEALTH AND AROUND THE
21 WORLD; AND

22 WHEREAS, THE RECENT, SHARP RISE IN ANTISEMITISM, EXPRESSED
23 OPENLY AND VIOLENTLY, REINFORCES THE NEED FOR OUR COLLECTIVE,
24 CONTINUED EFFORTS TO STAND AGAINST HATRED AND BIGOTRY IN THE
25 COMMONWEALTH AND ABROAD; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

26 RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE HEREBY CALLS ON THE
27 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO STAND WITH THE PEOPLE OF
28 ISRAEL IN THEIR TIME OF NEED, SUPPORT THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT
29 TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND WORK TOWARDS THE
30 SAFE RETURN OF THOSE WHO ARE BEING HELD HOSTAGE; AND BE IT FURTHER

31 RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED
32 FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
33 STATES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.

SUBMITTED BY:

SENATOR CREEM

COSPONSORS:

SENATOR RAUSCH

SENATOR FRIEDMAN

SENATOR LEWIS

SENATOR FINEGOLD

SENATOR PAYANO

SENATOR OLIVEIRA

SENATOR CRIGHTON

SENATOR TARR

SENATOR KENNEDY

SENATOR LOVELY

SENATOR COMERFORD

SENATOR VELIS

SENATOR KEENAN

SENATOR CYR

SENATOR BARRETT

SENATOR BRADY

SENATOR MONTIGNY

SENATOR MOORE

SENATOR PACHECO

SENATOR RODRIGUES

SENATOR RUSH

SENATOR COLLINS

SENATOR O'CONNOR

SENATOR FEENEY

SENATOR FATTMAN

SENATOR DIDOMENICO

SENATOR MORAN

SENATOR BROWNSBERGER

SENATOR TIMILTY

SENATOR CRONIN

SENATOR MARK