

# President and Speaker's Proclamation

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A Proclamation expressing support for the State of Israel and condemning the Hamas terror attack.

WHEREAS, beginning on October 7, 2023, Hamas attacked the State of Israel, raping, torturing, and killing over 1,000 innocent persons, including Israelis, Americans, and other nationals, among whom were babies, young children, and the elderly, while indiscriminately launching over 5,000 rockets at private homes, schools, and hospitals and taking more than 150 persons hostage, and

WHEREAS, the United States also suffered losses senselessly as more than 30 Americans were brutally murdered, and at least 20 more are missing or have been taken hostage, and

WHEREAS, Hamas and the Iranian regime has called for the deaths of Israelis, Americans, Jews, and Christians around the world, and

WHEREAS, the Iranian regime provides financial and logistical support to terrorist groups, including Hamas and Hezbollah, and has praised these unconscionable atrocities committed against innocent civilians, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the right and obligation of the State of Israel to defend itself and to exist as a sovereign and independent nation, with the full rights and privileges afforded to all nations under international law, and

WHEREAS, Florida prays for the people of the State of Israel and all those affected by this unjustified and heinous attack NOW, THEREFORE,

We, Kathleen Passifomo, President of the Florida Senate, and Paul Renner, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, as the elected presiding officers do hereby:

- (1) Condemn the unprovoked and barbaric attacks by Hamas against Israel, its citizens, and Americans.
- (2) Unequivocally support the right of the State of Israel to exist as a sovereign and independent nation.
- (3) Support the right of the State of Israel to defend itself and protect its citizens from indiscriminate violence and terrorism.
- (4) Demand the immediate end to any financial support, whether directly or indirectly, to the Iranian regime, Hamas, Hezbollah, or any other entity that publicly supports these attacks.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, a copy of this proclamation, be presented to the President of the United States, each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress, and the Ambassador of the State of Israel to the United States as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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Kathleen Passifomo, President  
The Florida Senate

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Paul Renner, Speaker  
The Florida House of Representatives

