

RESOLUTION NO. 24-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND CONDEMNING TERRORIST VIOLENCE ON THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER 7 ATTACKS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas violated an existing cease-fire, and with Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), other terrorist groups, and Gaza civilians infiltrated Israel, invaded Israeli towns, launched thousands of rockets into Israel, brutally murdered, raped, and burned alive more than 1,200 individuals, took 251 hostages, including Americans and citizens of more than 40 countries, and destroyed and looted entire communities; and

WHEREAS, this assault is part of a long history of violence and terrorism aimed at destabilizing Israel and threatening the lives of the Jewish people, actions which the City of Cooper City unreservedly condemns; and

WHEREAS, Hamas, Hezbollah, PIJ, and their state sponsors, including Iran, continue to engage in acts of aggression, promoting violence, fear, and instability in the region, with the ongoing threat of rocket attacks, abductions, and terror against Israel; and

WHEREAS, Hezbollah, in collaboration with other hostile actors, continues to menace Israel's northern borders, posing ongoing threats to its sovereignty, security, and the lives of its citizens, as evidenced by continued clashes and violent escalations; and

WHEREAS, Iran's support of terrorist groups such as Hamas, Hezbollah, and PIJ, including its funding, arming, and political backing, contributes to an environment of

violence, hate, and extremism, which seeks to undermine Israel's right to exist peacefully as a democratic state; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cooper City recognizes the right of Israel to defend itself from acts of terrorism and to take necessary measures to protect its people from threats posed by extremist groups; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish people have a long and rich history in Cooper City and across the world, contributing to the cultural, social, and economic development of our community, and must be supported and protected against hate, prejudice, and acts of antisemitism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City of Cooper City hereby expresses its unwavering support for Israel in its fight against terrorism and reaffirms its solidarity with the Jewish people, both in Israel and throughout the world, who continue to endure these threats; and

Section 2: Cooper City condemns in the strongest terms the ongoing violence and threats posed by Hamas, Hezbollah, PIJ, and Iran and its proxies, calling upon the international community to take decisive action against terrorism and extremism, and to ensure peace and stability in the region.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Consul General of Israel in Miami, the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Federation of Broward County, the David Posnack Jewish Community Center, the Broward County Commission, and the Broward County League of Cities.

Section 4. **Conflicts.** All resolutions inconsistent or in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed insofar as there is conflict or inconsistency.

Section 5. **Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 6. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D., 2024.

GREG ROSS
Mayor

ATTEST:

TEDRA ALLEN, MMC
City Clerk

ROLL CALL

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

JACOB G. HOROWITZ
City Attorney

Mayor Ross _____
Commissioner Shrouder _____
Commissioner Green _____
Commissioner Katzman _____
Commissioner Mallozzi _____