



City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mercer Island is a community that believes in the fundamental principles of peace, unity, and the dignity of all its inhabitants. Our strength as a community is drawn from the rich tapestry of cultures, religions, and backgrounds of our residents.

We stand with our Jewish community, who have deep historical and emotional ties to the State of Israel and are greatly affected by the distressing events occurring there. The indiscriminate attacks on civilians by Hamas are a violation of these principles and are a cause of profound concern for our community and the international community at large.

We condemn all acts of violence, terrorism, and any activities that deliberately target innocent civilians, as they only perpetuate cycles of hatred and conflict.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of Mercer Island, on behalf of the Mercer Island City Council, do hereby:

- Condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks against the State of Israel by Hamas and any other group or individual that seeks to perpetuate violence and terror.
- Pledge our unwavering support to our Jewish population and all Jews who are deeply affected by these events, ensuring that Mercer Island remains a place of safety, unity, and support.
- Encourage all Mercer Island residents to stand against hatred, prejudice, and violence in all its forms and promote understanding, dialogue, and peace among all community members.
- Call upon all nations and global leaders to actively work towards a lasting peace in the Middle East, recognizing the right of all countries, including Israel, to exist in peace and security.
- Urge the residents of Mercer Island to show solidarity with our Jewish community through acts of kindness, education, and community events, emphasizing the importance of unity, understanding, and mutual respect among all our residents.

APPROVED, this 17th day of October 2023

Mayor Salim Nice

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