

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2023

**EXPRESSING** the Mayor and Cincinnati City Council's support for the people of Israel.

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, during the Jewish holiday of Shmini Atzeret, Israel was attacked by a massive incursion via land, sea, and air by Hamas, an organization designated by the U.S. government as a terrorist organization; and

WHEREAS, on the first day, thousands of rockets were launched against Israel cities, and hundreds of civilians, including children, have been deliberately targeted for killing and kidnapping; and

WHEREAS, dozens of Israelis have been kidnapped and remain at large, including Americans; and

WHEREAS, this is the most significant attack on Israel since the Yom Kippur War, which was launched fifty years and one day ago; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the city of Cincinnati and in the Jewish community in the Greater Cincinnati area have family and friends in Israel who are directly impacted by this devastating and appalling attack; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City of Cincinnati stands united in support for the people of Israel, prays for the swift return of all hostages to their families, and hopes for a swift and lasting resolution.

Section 2. That the City of Cincinnati expresses its unequivocal condemnation of the deliberate killing and kidnapping of innocent civilians and attack on Israel by Hamas.

Section 3. That the City of Cincinnati supports Congressmen Greg Landsman and Brad Wenstrup, Senators Sherrod Brown and JD Vance, and President Biden in their steadfast support of Israel during this difficult time.

Section 4. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Senator Brown, Senator Vance, Congressman Landsman, and Congressman Wenstrup through the office of Councilmember Mark Jeffreys.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval and Councilmembers Jeffreys and Harris