

**HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE OF
ISRAEL**

2023 FIRST HOUSE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jason B. Kyle

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution expresses support for the State of Israel in its defense against Hamas.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

▶ recognizes the atrocities Hamas has committed against Israel, the Israeli people, and other innocent civilians;

▶ examines Utah's strong ties to Israel;

▶ expresses the House of Representatives' steadfast support of Israel and encourages the same from the United States and foreign countries;

▶ condemns Hamas' unprovoked attacks and acts of terrorism;

▶ honors the Israeli people's courage and resolve in their pursuit to defeat terrorism;

and

▶ calls upon Utah law enforcement to remain vigilant in protecting Israeli Americans, Jewish Americans, and supporters of Israel.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, in the early morning of October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a brutal, highly organized, and vicious attack on the State of Israel;



28 WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of destroying Israel and has been
29 designated by the United States as a Foreign Terrorist Organization;

30 WHEREAS, in its attack, Hamas fired thousands of rockets against Israeli population
31 centers in an attempt to kill innocent civilians;

32 WHEREAS, Hamas murdered more than one thousand Israelis and over a dozen
33 American civilians, tortured innocent civilians, and took hostage hundreds of children and
34 female, elderly, and infirm civilians;

35 WHEREAS, the level of logistical sophistication demonstrated in this Hamas terrorism
36 operation indicates its receipt of support and funding from foreign state sponsors of terror,
37 namely Iran;

38 WHEREAS, the timing of the attacks coincided with the observance of the Jewish
39 Sabbath and celebration of the Sukkot holiday and demonstrated an intent to maximize civilian
40 casualties and to disrespect the holiest of Jewish traditions;

41 WHEREAS, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements of its terrorist infrastructure
42 in civilian population centers, intentionally using civilians as human shields;

43 WHEREAS, Utah has strong ties with Israel, including religious foundations,
44 family-centered values, comparable geographic features, and dynamic ecosystems and
45 economies; and

46 WHEREAS, Utah and Israel are important trading partners and have cultivated
47 mutually beneficial relationships:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives expresses
49 its steadfast and united support of the State of Israel and condemns in the strongest terms the
50 horrific and appalling acts of terrorism perpetrated by Hamas against Israel.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives supports Israel in its
52 efforts to defend itself and its people against such atrocities in self-defense to protect its
53 citizens.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urges all countries,
55 especially parties to the Abraham Accords, to denounce Hamas' unprovoked attacks and
56 encourages the United States to continue to support Israel in its defense against Hamas and all
57 other terrorist organizations.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives calls upon Utah law

59 enforcement to remain vigilant in protecting Israeli Americans, Jewish Americans, and all
60 supporters of Israel from acts of crime and unlawful discrimination that tend to manifest in
61 such times.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives commends the
63 courage and resolve shown by the Israeli people in their pursuit to defeat terrorism and pay
64 tribute to the many men, women, and children who lost their lives in these horrific attacks.