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Representative Jason B. Kyle proposes the following substitute bill:

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~~attack and acts of terrorism;
 - ▶ honors the Israeli people's courage and resolve in their pursuit to defeat terrorism;
- and

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- ▶ 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;

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

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

WHEREAS, Hamas murdered more than ~~one thousand~~ 1,200 Israelis and over a dozen American civilians, tortured innocent civilians, and committed heinous acts of sexual violence;

WHEREAS, Hamas took hostage hundreds of civilians, including women, children, and ~~female,~~ the elderly ~~,~~ and infirm ~~civilians,~~ and continues to hold the hostages going on 40 days;

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

WHEREAS, the timing of the ~~attacks~~ attack coincided with the observance of the Jewish Sabbath and ~~celebration of the Sukkot~~ high holiday ~~and~~ of Simchat Torah, which demonstrated an intent to maximize civilian casualties and to disrespect the holiest of Jewish traditions;

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

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

WHEREAS, Utah and Israel are important trading partners and have cultivated

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mutually beneficial relationships:

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives calls upon Utah law enforcement to remain vigilant in protecting Israeli Americans, Jewish Americans, and all supporters of Israel from acts of crime and unlawful discrimination that tend to manifest in such times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives mourns the loss of innocent civilian life and commends the courage and resolve shown by the Israeli people in their pursuit to defeat terrorism and pay tribute to the many men, women, and children who lost their lives in ~~{these}~~ this horrific ~~{attacks}~~ attack.