

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 attack 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, supporters of Israel, and others in our community.

Special Clauses:

None

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



26 WHEREAS, in the early morning of October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a brutal, highly
27 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 1,200 Israelis and over a dozen American
33 civilians, tortured innocent civilians, and committed heinous acts of sexual violence;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives mourns the
55 tremendous loss of innocent civilian life.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urges all countries,

57 especially parties to the Abraham Accords, to denounce Hamas' unprovoked attack and
58 encourages the United States to continue to support Israel in its defense against Hamas and all
59 other terrorist organizations.

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

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