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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On October 7, 2023, terrorists launched a  
3 horrific assault on the State of Israel from Hamas-controlled  
4 Gaza, murdering hundreds of unarmed civilians and kidnapping  
5 women, children, and the elderly; and

6           WHEREAS, The assault commenced as the Jewish people and  
7 the diaspora celebrated the holidays of Sukkot and Shemini  
8 Atzeret/Simchat Torah; and

9           WHEREAS, Hamas terrorists crossed the border into Israel  
10 and began targeting unarmed civilians, which included  
11 countless incidents of rape, torture, and untold cruelty while  
12 killing at least 1,400 people, becoming the largest targeted  
13 killing of those of Jewish descent since the Holocaust; and

14           WHEREAS, Hamas terrorists intentionally targeted unarmed  
15 civilians and killed many, including at least 260 people  
16 murdered at the Tribe of Nova, an Israeli music festival for  
17 peace, in the largest massacre in Israel's history; and

18           WHEREAS, Hamas terrorists kidnapped at least 240 innocent  
19 civilians, including women, children, and infants, from Israel  
20 and forced them across the border into Gaza; and

1           WHEREAS, Illinoisans were victimized in this horrific act,  
2           and many Illinois families have been impacted; and

3           WHEREAS, The attack on Israel was an attack on the world as  
4           citizens from multiple countries were victims, including at  
5           least 31 American citizens, as well as citizens from Canada,  
6           the United Kingdom, France, Thailand, Nepal, Philippines,  
7           Germany, Cambodia, Brazil, Paraguay, Russia, Ukraine, Mexico,  
8           Ireland, and other nations; and

9           WHEREAS, In response to these terrorist attacks, the State  
10          of Israel declared war on Hamas; and

11          WHEREAS, Since October 7, 2023, the death toll in Israel  
12          and Gaza has continued to rise; and

13          WHEREAS, The Hamas terrorist attacks were motivated in  
14          part to derail peace talks in the region between Israel and  
15          other Middle East nations, including Saudi Arabia; and

16          WHEREAS, Israel, like all sovereign nations, has the right  
17          and obligation to protect its citizens from terrorist attacks  
18          and hostile foreign powers; and

19          WHEREAS, These events delay peace, have and will continue  
20          to create instability, spur an increase in hostile activity

1 against peaceful citizens, and endanger deployed American  
2 civilians, government employees, and military personnel;  
3 therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we condemn the  
6 terrorist attacks by Hamas on the State of Israel, express our  
7 deepest sorrow to all innocent people impacted by this  
8 terrorist attack and for all the innocent lives lost in Israel  
9 and Gaza, call for the safe delivery of humanitarian aid for  
10 the region, demand the release of the hostages being held by  
11 Hamas, pray for all deployed Americans, and oppose all  
12 organizations that use terror as a tactic, victimize innocent  
13 civilians, and intentionally undermine peace throughout the  
14 world.