

October 11, 2023

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, during the sacred Jewish holiday of Shmini Atzeret, Hamas terrorists launched a coordinated, unprovoked attack on Israel from the Gaza Strip; and

WHEREAS, Hamas has fired thousands of rockets toward Israel's major population centers, breached Israel's borders, infiltrated Israeli communities and kidnapped civilians, killed more than 300 Israelis, and wounded hundreds more; and

WHEREAS, this is the most significant attack on Israel since the Yom Kippur War, which was launched 50 years and one day to the day ago; and

WHEREAS, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared that Israel was at war to defend itself and its citizens and gave the order to commence "Operation Swords of Iron."

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Dallas unequivocally condemns Hamas for this deplorable and unprovoked attack on Israel.

SECTION 2. That the City of Dallas stands with Israel in its fight against Hamas, prays for those who have lost family members and friends, calls for the swift return of all hostages, and hopes for a lasting resolution.

SECTION 3. That the City Secretary of Dallas attests and affixes the seal of the City of Dallas to this resolution and that a copy be transmitted to the United States Department of State, the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, and the American Jewish Committee (AJC) Dallas.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.