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COUNCIL MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. <u>CR-143</u> Series of 2023

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ISRAEL AND CONDEMNING THE UNPROVOKED AND UNJUSTIFIED WAR LAUNCHED BY THE HAMAS TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AGAINST ISRAEL

WHEREAS, early Saturday morning, October 7, 2023, the Hamas terrorist organization launched an unprovoked and unjustified war on Israel by air, land, and sea, including launching thousands of missiles;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of State and European Union have designated Hamas a terrorist organization because of its armed resistance against Israel, which has included suicide bombings and rocket attacks;

WHEREAS, the large-scale surprise attack by Hamas and the atrocities and war crimes committed by these terrorists represents the most dangerous escalation of violence in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict in decades and comes almost exactly 50 years after the Yom Kippur War against Israel in 1973 when Israel was similarly taken by surprise in a sudden attack by neighboring Egypt and Syria;

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, the Hamas terrorist organization sent terrorists through the security barrier into southern Israel, slaughtering innocent civilians and abducting many of them as hostages, including women, children, babies, and the elderly;

WHEREAS, Hamas terrorists also launched thousands of missiles into southern and central Israel;

WHEREAS, more than 1,200 people were killed and over 2,500 injured in Israel from Hamas' massive surprise assault, including innocent women, children, babies, and the elderly;

WHEREAS, at least 25 American citizens in Israel are among those killed by Hamas terrorists, confirmed by officials from the United States Department of State and the National Security Council;

WHEREAS, there are still a number of unaccounted-for Americans that the State Department is working with its Israeli partners to help locate;

WHEREAS, early Sunday, October 8, 2023, Israeli forces were still fighting to regain control of eight areas of the country's territory from Hamas terrorists;

WHEREAS, the death tolls are expected to rise;

WHEREAS, Israel formally declared war on Hamas on October 8, 2023, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu predicted a "long and difficult war";

WHEREAS, the acts of terrorism committed by Hamas against Israel threatens global peace and security;

WHEREAS, the Northglenn City Council supports Israel and her right to protect its citizens from the heinous crimes committed by Hamas terrorists;

WHEREAS, the Northglenn City Council supports the safety of Jews wherever they are and supports the protection of the State of Israel;

WHEREAS, the Northglenn City Council supports Israel and her right to defend itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas, and calls upon the world to do the same; and

WHEREAS, the Northglenn City Council condemns Hamas' brutal war on Israel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

<u>Section 1</u>. The City hereby expresses its support for the State of Israel, and condemns the unprovoked and unjustified war launched by Hamas terrorists against Israel.

<u>Section 2</u>. The City Council further directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the members of the State of Colorado's congressional delegation.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

SHANNON LUKEMAN-HIROMASA Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN City Attorney