

## R E S O L U T I O N

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2023, terrorists launched a horrific assault on the State of Israel from Hamas-controlled Gaza, murdering hundreds of unarmed civilians, and kidnapping dozens more, including women, children, and the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, the assault came 50 years after the Yom Kippur War—another heinous attack on Israel—and as Jews in Israel and the Diaspora celebrated the holidays of Sukkot and Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah; and

**WHEREAS**, Hamas terrorists crossed the border into Israel and began the wholesale slaughter of unarmed civilians throughout the south of Israel, killing at least 600 innocent people in 24 hours in what was likely the bloodiest day for world Jewry since the Holocaust; and

**WHEREAS**, the attack was shocking in its brutality and cruelty, seeing the murder and abduction of innocent babies while parents were gunned down in front of their children in a slaughter the scope of which has hardly been seen since the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, since October 7, 2023, the death toll in Israel has grown to more than 1,000 and is continuously rising, including at least 260 innocent people murdered at the Tribe of Nova music festival—the worst civilian massacre in Israel’s history—and nearly 3,000 Israelis injured to date, a devastating number in a country as small as Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, Hamas terrorists kidnapped dozens of innocent civilians, including women, children, and infants, from Israel and forced them across the border into Gaza to be used as human shields and bargaining chips in the furtherance of future attacks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hamas terrorist attack has been accompanied by thousands of missiles launched from Gaza against indiscriminate targets throughout Israel, including residential buildings, leading to more scenes of terror, horror and death across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, while Hamas’s attack was expressly directed at civilian Israeli targets, it has resulted in ensuing violence in Gaza that has caused the death of many

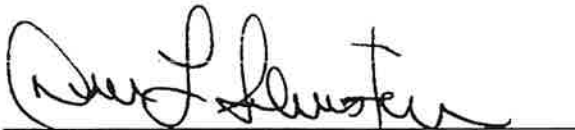
innocent Palestinians as well as Hamas fighters as the violence continues to escalate; and

**WHEREAS**, this was an attack not just on Israel but nations across the world, with murdered, kidnapped, and missing victims from multiple countries, including at least 14 American citizens, as well as citizens of Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Thailand, Nepal, Germany, Cambodia, Brazil, Paraguay, Mexico, and Ireland; and

**WHEREAS**, Hamas is an internationally-recognized terrorist organization, and through the use of human shields it is directly responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Palestinian civilians since the hostilities began; and

**WHEREAS**, Israel, like any other sovereign nation, has the right and the obligation to protect its citizens against terrorism and attack by hostile foreign powers; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this thirteenth day of October 2023, condemn this heinous terrorist attack by Hamas, stand in support of Israel, express our deepest sorrow for all innocent civilians, and pray for the safe release of all the hostages taken into Gaza.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra L. Silverstein", is written over a horizontal line.

DEBRA L. SILVERSTEIN

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