

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA, SUPPORTING ISRAEL AND CONDEMNING TERRORISM**

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2023, during the sacred Jewish holiday of Shmini Atzeret, Hamas, a designated terrorist organization by the United States and other countries, launched a coordinated attack on Israel from the Gaza Strip; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent Hamas terror attack has caused immense suffering and loss of innocent lives, and inflicted widespread damage on a peaceful civilian population in firing thousands of rockets toward Israel's major population centers, breaching Israel's borders, infiltrating Israeli communities, kidnapping civilians, wounding more than 3300, and killing more than 1300 Israelis; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Gaza Strip are not Israel's enemies, with many such residents opposing Hamas' terrorist actions; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage and support efforts of Israeli leadership to reduce harm to uninvolved civilians who may be used as human shields to protect weaponry and leadership located and embedded in civilian structures such as schools, hospitals, and mosques; and

**WHEREAS**, at least 20 United States citizens in Israel are among those who were tragically killed, with additional U.S. citizens being held hostage following this attack perpetrated by Hamas; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of local government to actively address and condemn acts of terrorism that threaten peace, security, and the well-being of its community; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents and employees of Union County are deeply concerned about the escalating violence and loss of life, and the impacts of this terror attack on innocent civilians; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential for local communities to stand together against acts of terrorism and express solidarity with those affected by such atrocities; and

**WHEREAS**, Union County stands firmly against any form of terrorism, violence, or extremism that undermines the principles of coexistence, peace, and human dignity.

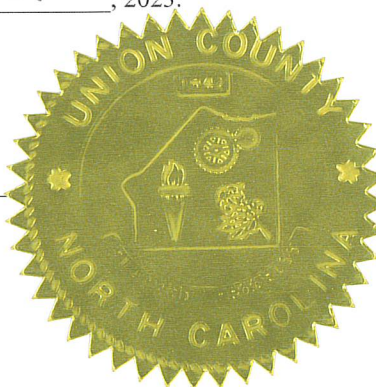
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Union County Board of Commissioners:

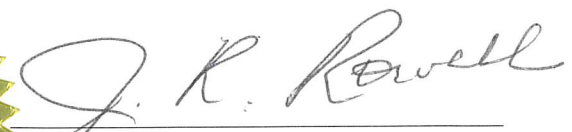
1. Stands in solidarity with the right of the State of Israel, as a sovereign nation, to defend itself and its residents against the despicable acts of Hamas and aligned terrorist groups;
2. Stands in solidarity with the right of Israel, and all people, to live in peace and security;
3. Stands in solidarity with the Union County Jewish community, as well as residents and employees of Union County who have been impacted by this terrorist act and supports efforts to aid and support those affected; and
4. Strongly condemns the recent Hamas terror attack in Israel and expresses its deepest condolences to the victims and their families affected by this act of violence.

Adopted this the 4 day of DEC., 2023.

ATTEST:

  
Lynn G. West, Clerk to the Board



  
Chair  
Union County Board of Commissioners