

Proposed: 10/16/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 167-2023(COTW),
First Reading

By All City Council Members and
Mayor Seren

A Resolution in support of Israel as it defends itself in the war launched by terrorists; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, Israel has been attacked by Hamas terrorists who have killed numerous civilians including Americans; and

WHEREAS, thousands of innocent civilians, including children, have been targeted, taken hostage, injured, and murdered in this senseless series of attacks; and

WHEREAS, both Israelis and innocent Palestinians in Gaza are suffering due to the reprehensible actions of Hamas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is home to a significant number of Jewish and Israeli people; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday the State of Israel declared war against the Hamas terrorist organization that attacked them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights that:

Section 1. The City of Cleveland Heights mourns the lives lost and stands with Israel against this cruel, anti-Semitic assault.

Section 2. We condemn these attacks and affirm Israel's right to defend itself.

Section 3. We stand with the many residents in our city that are impacted by this war as they have family members and friends in Israel who are in the midst of the violence and are in danger.

Section 4. We support our Jewish and Israeli residents during this time and hope that peace and justice are swiftly brought about.

Section 5. City Council support supports the City Administration's deployment of an increased police presence in Jewish neighborhoods, at schools, synagogues, and other potential targets of violence during this sensitive time.

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Section 6. We support and commend our federal government and the Biden Administration in their support of Israel against all terrorist attacks and threats to Israel's existence and security.

Section 7. The Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to President Joe Biden and Ohio's Senators and Congressional Representatives.

Section 8. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, health, or safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, and for the further reason that it is necessary to show Council's support. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five or more members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

MELODY JOY HART
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor