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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: COMMISSIONER SEBOLD
SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41a-38(g)
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E 2-11 (C)

RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING THE OCTOBER 2023 HAMAS ATTACKS IN ISRAEL, SUPPORTING ISRAEL'S DEFENSE, AND DENOUNCING ANTI-SEMITIC AND ANTI-ARAB HATE SPEECH AND VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, the attacks by extremist organization Hamas against civilians in Israel in October 2023 were horrific. There can be no justification for such brutal non-combatant loss of life; and

WHEREAS, every sovereign nation holds the right to defend its residents against violence coming from within and outside of its borders, in accordance with international law. It is a government's duty to ensure the communities it serves can exist and thrive peacefully; and

WHEREAS, the Hamas organization does not represent the best interests of the Palestinian people. The group's continued use of Palestinian infrastructure and individuals as "human shields" is utterly deplorable; and

WHEREAS, the prolonged escalation of the Israel-Hamas conflict is severely harmful to both the Israeli and Palestinian communities; and

WHEREAS, following the October 2023 attacks, there has been a marked increase in anti-Semitic and anti-Arab incidents and rhetoric in the United States and throughout the world. Hate groups are attempting to take advantage of the conflict and foment more hatred against Jewish and Arab communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Essex County Board of County Commissioners that the Board condemns in the strongest possible terms the senseless violence perpetrated by the extremist organization Hamas against civilians in Israel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board denounces all anti-Semitic and anti-Arab hate speech and violence. Such hate has no home in Essex County, New Jersey, or the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board affirms the need and right for Israel to take reasonable action to defend its residents from violence and terrorism, in accordance with the rules of war, formally known as International Humanitarian Law (IHL), with reference to the United Nations and Geneva Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board supports a swift end to the Israel-Hamas conflict so Israeli and Palestinian communities can live and prosper peacefully; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Board is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Essex County municipal clerks.

Michael J. Richardson

Approved as to form and legality _____

Commissioner Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Commissioner _____

Second by Commissioner _____

Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
COOPER					MERCADO				
GILL					POMARES, V.P.				
GRAHAM					SEBOLD				
JOHNSON									
LUCIANO					RICHARDSON, PRES.				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

Wayne L. Richardson, President