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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 12, 2023

TO: Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Board

FROM: Steve Christy
District 4 Supervisor

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SUBJECT: Addendum Item

Please place the following item on the Addendum to the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting of October 17, 2023.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Standing with Israel

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - ____, of the Board of Supervisors, in support of standing with Israel as it defends itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas and other terrorists. (District 4)

Thank you.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - _____

PIMA COUNTY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STANDING WITH ISRAEL AS IT
DEFENDS ITSELF AGAINST THE BARBARIC WAR LAUNCHED BY HAMAS AND
OTHER TERRORISTS

The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona finds:

WHEREAS on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched a massive, unprovoked war on Israel by air, land, and sea, including firing thousands of rockets;

WHEREAS this heinous assault took place just after the 50th anniversary of the start of the multi-front 1973 Yom Kippur War against Israel;

WHEREAS Hamas terrorists crossed the land border and began slaughtering Israelis and abducting hostages in towns in southern Israel, including children and the elderly, thereby ignoring all understandings of morality and humanity;

WHEREAS since October 7, 2023, Hamas launched over 4,500 rockets into southern and central Israel;

WHEREAS since October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists have killed over 1,300 Israelis and injured more than 2,600 others;

WHEREAS at least 27 United States citizens in Israel are among those killed by Hamas since October 7, 2023;

WHEREAS since October 7, 2023, Hamas is directly responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Palestinians;

WHEREAS the expansion of this war to other fronts by Hezbollah, Iran, or others would create an even more devastating regional catastrophe;

WHEREAS Hamas is a United States-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization;

WHEREAS Iran has long provided support to Hamas and other terrorist groups and proxies, and prior United States Government unclassified assessments indicated that, "Iran has historically provided up to \$100 million annually in combined support to Palestinian terrorist groups, including Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command";

WHEREAS Hamas used rudimentary, civilian equipment, such as bulldozers, paragliders, and rubber boats in its assault on Israel, demonstrating the importance of fully enforcing tight controls on what materials go into the Gaza Strip, including through thorough vetting of assistance; and

WHEREAS Israel is a major non-NATO ally and Major Strategic Partner of the United States:

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, be it resolved as follows that the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

1. Stands with Israel and the Jewish people as they defend themselves against the barbaric war launched by Hamas and other terrorists;
2. Reaffirms Israel's right to self-defense and stands with their retaliatory efforts;
3. Condemns Hamas' brutal war against Israel and the heinous tactics used against innocents;
4. Calls on all countries to unequivocally condemn Hamas' brutal war against Israel and to stand with Israel;
5. Calls on Hamas to immediately cease these violent attacks and safely release all living hostages and return the bodies of deceased hostages;
6. Mourns together with Pima County's Jewish community the over 1,300 Israelis and 27 Americans killed and over 2,600 others wounded in Hamas' unprovoked attack on Israel;
7. Condemns Iran's support for terrorist groups and proxies, including Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and their wanton desire to eradicate the Jewish people;
8. Urges full enforcement of United States sanctions against Iran to prevent Iran's funding of terrorist groups, including Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Deputy County Attorney