

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date: October 17, 2023**       Consent       Regular  
     Ordinance       Public Hearing

**Department:** Administration

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:** a Resolution expressing solidarity with the State of Israel, condemning the October 7, 2023 attacks by Hamas, and expressing deep condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives or been profoundly affected by this devastating assault.

**Summary:** On Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 6:30am, Hamas, the known terror group controlling Gaza, initiated an unprovoked and surprise attack on Israel. This attack utilized rockets, paragliders, boats, motorcycles, and other vehicles to infiltrate Israel with the purpose to harm, kill, and take Israeli citizens hostage. Tragically, many Israeli men, women, and children lost their lives during this horrific invasion. Americans are included amongst the many other nationalities of those declared dead and kidnapped at the hands of Hamas. Palm Beach County is home to a large portion of the Jewish population in the United States and is taking this step to show support for Israel. With this Resolution, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County will stand in solidarity with the State of Israel, vehemently condemn the unwarranted attacks by Hamas, and express deep condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives or been profoundly affected by this devastating assault. Countywide (AH)

**Background and Justification:** Outside of the State of Israel, the United States has the largest Jewish population and Palm Beach County is home to a large percentage of that population. Palm Beach County strives to be a place where diverse races, religions, nationalities, and cultures can live together harmoniously, with the values of tolerance, peace and coexistence. Sadly, the county has witnessed instances of anti-Semitic activity in the last year, including the projection of hateful images and the unlawful dissemination of written hate materials. To protect the ideals of human rights, inclusion, and the right to religious freedom, Palm Beach County took action by passing an ordinance making illegal the unauthorized projection of images onto buildings.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution

**Recommended By:**

**N/A**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Approved By:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant County Administrator

10/13/23  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Years</b>					
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>					
<b>Operating Costs</b>					
<b>External Revenues</b>					
<b>Program Income(County)</b>					
<b>In-Kind Match(County)</b>					
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
<b>#ADDITIONAL FTE</b>					
<b>POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE</b>					

Is Item Included in Current Budget?                      Yes      No  
 Does this item include the use of federal funds?      Yes      No


**Budget Account No:**  
 Fund            Agency            Organization            Object

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

**C. Departmental Fiscal Review:**


**III. REVIEW COMMENTS:**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

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 Contract Dev. & Control  
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**B. Legal Sufficiency**

  
 Assistant County Attorney      for Allegant      7/13/2023

**C. Other Department Review**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Director

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL AND CONDEMNING HAMAS ATTACKS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, The Jewish population in the United States of America is the largest outside of the State of Israel, and Palm Beach County is home to one of the United States' largest Jewish populations, a community that has contributed significantly to the cultural and economic vibrancy of our region; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County is a place where people of diverse races, religions, nationalities, and cultures live harmoniously, valuing the principles of tolerance, peace, and coexistence; and

**WHEREAS**, at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, Hamas, a known terror group controlling Gaza, initiated an unprovoked and surprise attack on Israel, utilizing various means, including rockets, paragliders, boats, motorcycles, and other vehicles, to infiltrate Israel with the intent to harm, kill, and take hostage Israeli citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of casualties, including the loss of innocent lives, injuries, destruction of property, and the taking of hostages, have tragically occurred in Israel, following the unprovoked invasion by Hamas on Saturday, October 7; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County has sadly witnessed instances of anti-Semitic activity in the past year including the projection of hateful images and the unlawful dissemination of written hate materials, posing a threat to the very ideals of protection of human rights, the advancement of inclusion, and the right to religious freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County has taken action by passing an ordinance making illegal the unauthorized projection of images onto buildings, with its aim of curbing the dissemination of hate within our community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, that Palm Beach County stands united with the State of Israel, vehemently condemns the unwarranted attacks by Hamas and expresses our deepest condolences to the families of those who have lost their loved ones or have been profoundly impacted by this devastating assault.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida. on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

- GREGG K. WEISS, Mayor -
- MARIA SACHS, Vice Mayor -
- COMMISSIONER MARIA MARINO -
- COMMISSIONER MICHAEL A. BARNETT -
- COMMISSIONER MARCI WOODWARD -
- COMMISSIONER SARA BAXTER -
- COMMISSIONER MACK BERNARD -

The Mayor thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY: *MBHerman*  
Senior Assistant County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
JOSEPH ABRUZZO, CLERK OF THE  
CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk