

**A RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE
STANDING WITH ISRAEL IN ITS DEFENSE AGAINST
THE WAR LAUNCHED BY HAMAS AND OTHER TERRORISTS**

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a massive, unprecedented war on Israel by air, land, and sea, including firing over 4500 rockets into southern and central Israel; and

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

WHEREAS, Hamas crossed the land border and began murdering Israelis and abducting hostages in towns in southern Israel, including innocent civilians, children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists have killed over 1200 Israelis and injured more than 2,800 others; and

WHEREAS, at least 27 United States citizens in Israel are among those killed by Hamas since October 7, 2023 and 14 remain unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, over one thousand innocent Palestinians have been killed as a result of Hamas' unprovoked attack on Israel; and

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

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

WHEREAS, United States Government unclassified assessments indicate that Iran has long provided support to Hamas and other terrorist groups and proxies; and

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE, COLORADO THAT:

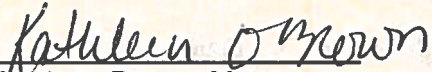
Section 1. That the Cherry Hills Village City Council (1) stands with Israel as it defends itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas and other terrorists, (2) supports Israel's right to self-defense, (3) condemns Hamas' brutal war against Israel, (4) calls on all responsible members of the international community to unequivocally condemn Hamas' brutal war against 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 the over two thousand innocent civilians, including 27 Americans, killed and over 2,800 others wounded in Hamas' unprovoked attack on Israel, (7) sends its condolences to the families of the murdered and wishes for a speedy recovery to those wounded, (8) condemns Iran's support for terrorist groups and proxies, including Hamas, (9) urges full enforcement of United States sanctions against Iran to prevent Iran's funding of terrorist groups, including Hamas, and (10) reaffirms its commitment to countering antisemitism and hate in all its forms.

Section 2. That the City Clerk shall affix the City's seal to this resolution and that copies be transmitted to the Anti-Defamation League Mountain States Region, JEWISHcolorado, and the Rocky Mountain Rabbis and Cantors.

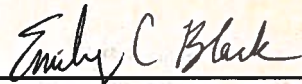
Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Approved at the
Regular meeting of City Council this 13th day
of October, 2023, by a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

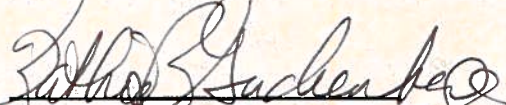
(SEAL)


Kathleen Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


~~Laura Gillespie, City Clerk~~
Emily Black, Parks Project + operations
Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Kathie B. Guckenberger, City Attorney