



Proclamation

WHEREAS, On Saturday, October 7, 2023, Hamas, a United States-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization, attacked Israel without provocation, murdering innocent civilians in a ground assault and launching more than 4,500 massive rockets barrages at Israeli territories; and

WHEREAS, this heinous attack by Hamas terrorists have wounded over 2,600 citizens and resulted in the murder of more than 1,400 innocent civilians of all ages including the deaths of at least 30 innocent Americans; and

WHEREAS, Hamas terrorists have taken civilians hostages, resulting in the abhorrent and inhumane treatment of innocent people, including many children and elderly people; and

WHEREAS, the Iranian regime provides financial and logistical support to terrorist groups, including Hamas and Hezbollah, and has provided these unconscionable atrocities committed against innocent civilians; and

WHEREAS, this massive act of terrorism took place during Shabbat, the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah, and one day after the 50th anniversary of the start of the 1973 Yom Kippur War; and

WHEREAS, the Israeli people have suffered a violent attack, clearly designed to maximize terror and harm to civilians, resulting in the largest mass slaughter of Jews since the Holocaust and is yet another instance of the centuries-long persecution and antisemitism that Jewish people have suffered; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala recognizes the right and obligation of the State of Israel to defend itself and to exist as a sovereign and independent nation, with the full rights and privileges afforded to all nations under international law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala stands in unity with the Israeli people and Jewish communities everywhere and reaffirms its unwavering commitment to Israel's sovereignty and security and condemn the unprovoked and barbaric attack by Hamas against Israel, its citizens, and Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Kent Guinn, hereby stand unequivocally in solidarity with the Jewish community and strongly support

THE NATION OF ISRAEL

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 23rd day of October 2023.



Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala