

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 3219

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA EXTENDING ITS UNWAVERING SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL; CONDEMNING THE TRAGIC TERRORIST ATTACK PERPETRATED BY HAMAS ON OCTOBER 7, 2023, AND AFFIRMING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST, DEFEND, AND PROTECT ITS CITIZENS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in the immediate aftermath of the tragic collapse of Surfside's Champlain Towers South on June 24, 2021, the State of Israel promptly deployed their IDF's highly skilled Home Front Command ISR-1 Search and Rescue Unit, which played an instrumental role in the exhaustive search, rescue, and recovery operations; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated efforts of the Israeli Defense Force's Search and Rescue Unit forged an enduring connection with Surfside, further solidified on September 28, 2022, when the Surfside Commission formally established a Sister City relationship with the region of Shomron, Israel; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, the State of Israel endured a tragic and heinous act of terror orchestrated by the extremist group Hamas, resulting in the loss of hundreds of innocent civilian lives, injuries to thousands, and the kidnapping and hostage-taking of over a hundred individuals; and

WHEREAS, this act of terror not only constitutes a blatant violation of international law, but also stands in direct contradiction to the principles of peace, stability, and coexistence that the international community upholds; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel, like any sovereign nation, possesses an inherent right to exist and a fundamental duty to protect and defend its citizens from acts of terror and aggression; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and affirming the right of Israel to safeguard its borders, secure its population, and respond proportionately to threats against its national security

is essential for the maintenance of regional stability and the pursuit of lasting peace in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, the international community has a moral obligation to condemn acts of terror, irrespective of their perpetrators, and to stand in solidarity with those nations and peoples who are subjected to violence and suffering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Recitals. The above Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Solidarity and Support for the State of Israel.

1. The Town Commission vehemently condemns the terror attack perpetrated by Hamas on October 7, 2023, in the state of Israel, which resulted in the loss of hundreds of innocent lives and caused immeasurable suffering to countless families.
2. The Town Commission expresses its deepest condolences to the families of the victims and its solidarity with the people of Israel during this difficult time.
3. The Town Commission recognizes and affirms the right of the state of Israel to exist as a sovereign and independent nation, and acknowledges its duty to protect and defend its citizens from acts of terror and aggression.
4. The Town Commission calls upon the international community to join in the condemnation of the recent terrorist attack in Israel.

Section 3. Transmittal: This resolution shall be transmitted to the Florida League of Cities, Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County League of Cities, The Florida Legislative Delegation, all municipalities in Miami-Dade County, the Israeli Embassy, the Shomron Regional Council Israel, the Office of the Florida Governor, the White House,

and appropriate governmental authorities, as well as to relevant international organizations for their consideration and action.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

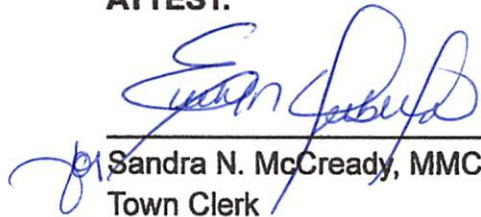
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2023.

Motion by: Commissioner Landsman
Second by: Vice Mayor Rose

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Commissioner Fred Landsman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Marianne Meisheid	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Jeff Rose	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Shlomo Danzinger	<u>Yes</u>


ATTEST:


Sandra N. McCready, MMC
Town Clerk




Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:


Weiss Serota Heliman Cole & Bierman, P.L.
Town Attorney