

***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2023, Gaza militants known as the terrorist  
4 organization, Hamas, launched a coordinated assault on southern Israel. The Jewish  
5 nation state was bombarded with thousands of rockets and armed fighters. Countless  
6 innocent lives were taken with force, brutality, and ruthlessness; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the assault coincided with the Jewish Sabbath and religious holiday  
8 recognizing the 50th anniversary of the 1973 Yom Kipper War that pitted Israel  
9 against Egypt and Syria. The timing, among other factors, caught Israel off guard, who  
10 was subsequently overwhelmed by the organized efforts of the Islamic militant group  
11 to weaken their defense. Citizens saw legions of missiles shoot from Gaza and target

1 them, filling the sky with rockets and explosions, with some succeeding in evading the  
2 anti-missile system, and impacting Israeli land; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in addition to bombarding the Iron Dome, Israel’s modern air  
4 defense system, with thousands of rockets, the militants invaded Israel by land, sea, and  
5 air, via paragliders; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the first of victims in the Islamic militia’s campaign of violence  
7 and destruction included more than 260 attendees of a music festival held near the Gaza  
8 border. The festival-goers were ambushed as the armed militants slaughtered as many  
9 as they could and took the remaining survivors as hostages; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the bloodshed continued with armed militants invading the villages  
11 nearest to the Gaza border, killing and harming as many as they could, leaving death  
12 and devastation in their wake; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the scale of brutality Hamas inflicted on Israel is unparalleled in  
14 modern warfare and has opened a new chapter of terrorism as well as conflicts in the  
15 middle east. The Hamas insurgents ruthlessly seek to annihilate the people of Israel,  
16 inflicting pain and terror on any Israeli that they encounter, every minute of every day  
17 that passes; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the rest of the world watched in horror as the harrowing events  
19 unfolded, via news networks, but most notably through social media channels. The  
20 terrorist group documented and shared the crimes they committed with pride and no  
21 remorse. It was abundantly clear that the militants made no distinction and treated  
22 everyone with equal hate and disgust. Spread through social platforms, the world saw  
23 disturbing, graphic videos and pictures of atrocities being done to the Israelis, including  
24 kidnapping, brutalizing, and killing men, women, and children; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu declared war on  
26 Hamas, and ordered a “complete siege” of Gaza, initiating military operations to cut off  
27 the supply of electricity, food, water, and fuel, effectively destabilizing and crippling  
28 the Palestinian enclave; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the retaliation of Israel also concentrated on airstrikes that reduced  
2 buildings and homes to rubble, obliterating the Gaza skyline. In light of the scores of  
3 Israelis that have died and the unknown number of hostages taken, an Israeli invasion  
4 is inevitable. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu stated “We will bring the fight to them  
5 with a might and scale that the enemy has not yet known.”; and

6           **WHEREAS**, following the militaristic reprisal of the Israeli Defense Force, a  
7 spokesperson for Hamas stated that the militant group would “begin killing civilian  
8 hostages and broadcasting the acts committed.”; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the death toll continues to rise, exceeding 1200 Israelis and 900  
10 Gaza Palestinians. Casualties have suffered on both sides, with innocents being the most  
11 affected. Among the casualties are non-Israeli citizens, including but not limited to,  
12 American, Thai, Nepali, Ukrainian, French, Philippine, and British victims; and

13           **WHEREAS**,. Hamas has sworn to destroy Israel, carrying out numerous suicide  
14 bombings and other deadly attacks against Israeli soldiers and civilians. The Islamist  
15 militant group and one of two Palestinian political parties, was founded in 1987, with  
16 roots and ties to the Muslim Brotherhood, and designated by the U.S. as a terrorist group  
17 in 1997; and

18           **WHEREAS**, Israel is an ally of the United States. Unified by strong historic ties  
19 as well as a shared commitment to democracy, economic prosperity, and regional  
20 security, the relationship between Israel and the United States is a mutually beneficial  
21 one; and

22           **WHEREAS**, President Joe Biden has vowed U.S. support for Israel by  
23 condemning the Hamas attack, stating it is “an act of sheer evil,” and further reaffirming  
24 the position of America by saying, “We stand with Israel.” In the face of the attacks,  
25 the 46<sup>th</sup> President of the United States took action and authorized an aircraft carrier to  
26 move closer to Israel; and

27           **WHEREAS**, Guam joins the rest of world as witnesses to the horror and  
28 casualties of war and rallies behind the nation of Israel; and

1           **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* believes in protecting human rights,  
2 promoting peace, and advocating on behalf of the vulnerable and defenseless. No man,  
3 woman, or child should have to suffer and endure the carnage of that which is befalling  
4 the citizens of Israel and the victims also present at the time of the attack; now therefore,  
5 be it

6           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
7 on behalf of the people of Guam, stand in solidarity with the affected Jewish  
8 communities, support the nation of Israel, and condemn the horrendous attack and war  
9 crimes of Hamas that occurred in October 2023; and be it further

10          **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
11 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable  
12 Anthony Blinken, U.S. Secretary of State; to the Honorable Michael Herzog, Israeli  
13 Ambassador to the United States; to the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime  
14 Minister of Israel; to the Honorable James C. Moylan, Guam's Delegate to Congress;  
15 and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF 2023.**

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary