

RESOLUTION NO. R2023- ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S ABIDING SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Aurora recognizes the importance of expressing solidarity and support for nations and their people during times of conflict and turmoil; and

WHEREAS, Israel, a democratic nation in the Middle East, has historically faced complex and challenging security and political issues; and

WHEREAS, the people of Israel, like all people, deserve to live in peace and security, free from the threat of violence and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the people of Israel have suffered a brutal, surprise attack on a major holiday, in an apparent attempt by Hamas to derail efforts to improve relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia; and

WHEREAS, the repugnant attack against the people of Israel is the deadliest in decades, with thousands of Israelis killed, wounded, or kidnapped; and

WHEREAS the City Council condemns acts of violence, terrorism, and discrimination against any individual or community, regardless of their background or beliefs, and stands firmly against any form of prejudice or hatred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Aurora City Council resolves as follows:

- 1) That the City of Aurora explicitly condemns the unprovoked, violent terrorist attacks by Hamas on innocent Israeli victims.
- 2) That the City of Aurora expresses its support for the people of Israel in their pursuit of peace, security, and prosperity.
- 3) That the City of Aurora disavows groups that advocate and organize in support of antisemitism and violence against the Jewish people.
- 4) That the City of Aurora mourns the loss of life and reels from the shock of this still unfolding horrors of torture, imprisonment, and murder.
- 5) That the City of Aurora acknowledges the historical and cultural significance of Israel and its importance to the global community.
- 6) That the City of Aurora encourages dialogue, understanding, and cooperation between the city and organizations representing the Israeli community.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately without reconsideration.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Andrea Wood ^{gk}

ANDREA WOOD, Criminal Prosecution Manager