

1 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the State of Israel and the Israeli people
2 and condemning the violent events on October 7, 2023.

3 WHEREAS, the sovereign and independent nation of Israel was established on May
4 14, 1948, and was immediately recognized by the United States of America, leading to
5 the establishment of full diplomatic relations between our two nations; and

6 WHEREAS, demonstrating unwavering resilience, the State of Israel has repeatedly
7 been forced to defend itself and its people, surrounded by a hostile environment and
8 constant threats; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Israel has one of the world's leading technological
10 industries, is a pioneer in research and development in the field of energy and medicine,
11 and has long been a valued trading partner with the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

12 WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Kentuckians, alongside people around the world,
13 were horrified by the violent terrorist attacks launched against the Jewish people and
14 State of Israel that claimed the lives of over 1,200 individuals in the initial attack; and

15 WHEREAS, following the attack, Hamas took hostage over 240 Israeli and other
16 foreign nationals, many of whom are still being held captive in Gaza; and

17 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky is an unequivocal supporter of the
18 State of Israel and its right to exist and to defend itself against terror and threats to the
19 security of its people; and

20 WHEREAS, our great Commonwealth wishes to reiterate its unwavering
21 commitment to the State of Israel by reaffirming our partnership of more than 75 years
22 with Israel and the Jewish people and our shared commitment to the advancement of
23 democratic values, cultural ties, and the desire for peace among all people of all nations;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
26 ***Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both collectively and individually, along

1 with members of the Kentucky Israel Caucus, reaffirm their support for all people of the
2 State of Israel and express their hope that the State of Israel and its neighbors can live in
3 freedom and peace with mutual recognition of each other's dignity and autonomy.

4 ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate, both collectively and individually, along
5 with the Kentucky Israel Caucus, offer heartfelt condolences to all the victims of the
6 attacks, as well as their families and communities.

7 ➔Section 3. The Senate condemns the terrorist actions that began on October 7,
8 2023, against the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

9 ➔Section 4. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in recognition of the
10 Commonwealth's support and reverence for the resilience of the Israeli people.

11 ➔Section 5. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
12 Resolution to Anat Sultan-Dadon, Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast United
13 States.