## Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

By: Daniels, Stephens, Bullard, Burns, Bergstrom, Hamilton, Weaver, Rogers, Dugger, Pemberton, Rader, Seifried, Pederson, Rosino, Murdock, Paxton, Green, Prieto, McCortney, Thompson (Kristen), Haste, Kidd, Pugh, and Stewart of the Senate

and

Lepak, Crosswhite Hader, West (Kevin), McBride, Kendrix, Schreiber, Sims, Maynard, Stark, Banning, Hardin, Grego, Conley, Echols, Hilbert, Hays, Wallace, Boles, Cantrell, Lowe (Dick), May, Williams, Sneed, Townley, McEntire, Lawson, Moore, and Stinson of the House

A Concurrent Resolution condemning the atrocities of the terrorist organization Hamas and reaffirming Oklahoman and American support for the State of Israel in their fight to eradicate Hamas.

WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of destroying the State of Israel and has been designated by the United States as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and WHEREAS, the Hamas terrorist organization launched a brutal, highly organized, and unprecedented attack upon Israel and its citizens in the early morning hours of October 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in its attack, Hamas has killed hundreds of innocent civilians and taken hundreds of Israeli children, women, elderly, and infirm civilians hostage; and

WHEREAS, in its attack, Hamas has fired thousands of rockets against Israeli population centers in an attempt to kill untold numbers of innocent civilians; and

WHEREAS, the level of logistical sophistication demonstrated in this Hamas terrorism operation indicates its receipt of support and funding from foreign state sponsors of terror, namely Iran; and

WHEREAS, the timing of this Hamas terrorism operation to coincide with the observance of the Jewish Sabbath and celebration of significant Jewish holidays demonstrates the intent to maximize civilian casualties; and

WHEREAS, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements of its terrorist infrastructure in civilian population centers using civilians as human shields.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature reaffirms our support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses our support for Israel's right to pursue without interference or condemnation the elimination of Hamas and any other affiliated groups until Hamas and all such groups are permanently neutralized, and public safety is assured.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature conveys our most heartfelt condolences to all Israeli victims as well as their families and communities. THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature calls upon Oklahoma's law enforcement agencies to remain vigilant in protecting Israeli Americans, Jewish Americans, and all supporters of Israel from acts of crime and unlawful discrimination that tend to manifest at such times.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages all other American state legislators to likewise condemn Hamas as well as any official body that refuses to recognize Israel's right to act decisively in self-defense to protect its citizens.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature calls upon the United States to provide all assistance as may be required to support Israel in its defense against Hamas and all other terrorist organizations.

Adopted by the Senate the 8th day of February, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 12th day of February, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_M.

By: \_\_\_\_\_