

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 146

Reps. Schuette, Steckloff, Hall, Kuhn, Slagh, Borton, Bollin, Fox, Markkanen, BeGole, Steele, Alexander, Schmaltz, Outman, Bierlein, Aragona, Posthumus, Meerman, Tisdell, Mueller, Breen, Filler, Phil Green, Price, Rogers, Maddock, Lightner, Kunse, Neyer, Bruck, Beeler, Hoadley, Martin, VanWoerkom, DeBoer, Wendzel, Carra, Friske, Prestin, DeSana, VanderWall, Johnsen, Rigas, Fink, Jaime Greene, Beson, St. Germaine, Cavitt, DeBoyer, Wozniak, Bezotte, Arbit and Smit offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to condemn the abhorrent violence perpetrated by  
2     Hamas in October 2023, call for the release of all hostages held by  
3     Hamas, and support Israel's right to self-defense.

4           Whereas, At dawn on October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a sudden  
5     and bloody assault on the people of Israel. This attack came at the  
6     end of Sukkot, one day after the 50th anniversary of the start of

1 the Yom Kippur War. Air sirens wailed as thousands of rockets  
2 rained down indiscriminately on civilian areas, and armed  
3 infiltrators took to the streets. At the Supernova music festival,  
4 which was held in southern Israel, just a few miles from the Gaza  
5 border, hundreds of attendees were surrounded and massacred. Hamas  
6 militants were sent to Israeli towns, where they sought out and  
7 executed civilians, including children and the elderly, door by  
8 door. An unknown number of civilians has been taken hostage by  
9 Hamas, and some have reportedly been transported into Gaza. As of  
10 October 9, Hamas is continuing its campaign of violence against  
11 Israeli civilians, and it has encouraged other actors to join it in  
12 the extermination of Israel; and

13       Whereas, This horrific conflict has not only affected the  
14 people of Israel but people from around the world. The United  
15 States government has confirmed that at least 11 Americans have  
16 been killed. Other countries reporting confirmed or suspected  
17 casualties include the United Kingdom, France, Ukraine, Thailand,  
18 Nepal, Cambodia, and Argentina. In addition to the dead, many  
19 foreign nationals are missing, and some are known to be among  
20 Hamas's hostages, including a German-Israeli who was attending the  
21 Supernova music festival; and

22       Whereas, Israel has taken steps to defend its people against  
23 this terrorist threat. A few hours after the first airstrikes,  
24 Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared "Israel is at  
25 war," making it clear that this is not just another bout of  
26 fighting between these historic adversaries. Israel has commenced a  
27 "complete siege" on Gaza and mobilized 300,000 reserve troops to  
28 aid in the nation's defense; and

29       Whereas, Michigan and Israel share long-standing cultural ties

1 and a lengthy history of cooperation and partnership. Michigan has  
2 had a significant Jewish population since the turn of the 20th  
3 century, with over 85,000 Jews residing in the state today, largely  
4 concentrated in Metro Detroit. Around 2,500 Israelis call Michigan  
5 home. Both private organizations and the state have encouraged  
6 Israeli businesses to invest in Michigan, and Michigan's  
7 universities have received millions of dollars in grants from  
8 bilateral U.S.-Israeli programs to fund agricultural and scientific  
9 research; now, therefore, be it

10       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we condemn the  
11 acts of terror perpetrated by Hamas against Israel beginning  
12 October 7, 2023; and be it further

13       Resolved, That we urge Hamas to release all hostages taken  
14 during these barbaric actions; and be it further

15       Resolved, That we support Israel's right to self-defense; and  
16 be it further

17       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
18 members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Israeli  
19 Ambassador to the United States, and the United States Chargé  
20 d'affaires for Israel.