

1 Introduced by Council Member Howland and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Boylan, Amaro, Carlucci, Peluso, Carrico, White, Arias,
3 Miller, J. Carlucci, Gay, Pittman, Lahnen, Johnson, Gaffney Jr. and
4 Clark-Murray:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2023-742-A**

8 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL AS IT DEFENDS
9 ITSELF IN THE WAR LAUNCHED BY THE TERRORIST
10 ORGANIZATION HAMAS; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
11 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, early Saturday, militants from Gaza fired a deadly
15 barrage of rockets and sent gunmen into southern Israeli territory
16 in a large-scale surprise assault that killed hundreds of Israeli
17 citizens; and

18 **WHEREAS**, innocent civilians, including women and children,
19 have been targeted, taken hostage, injured and murdered in this series
20 of attacks, including hundreds of concert attendees at the Tribe of
21 Nova trance music festival near Kibbutz Reimat, "a tribal journey,
22 where the essence of unity and love combines forces with the best
23 music," according to the festival's website; and

24 **WHEREAS**, at least nine Americans have been killed in the
25 attacks; and

26 **WHEREAS**, on Sunday, Israel declared war against Hamas, the
27 Palestinian militant group based in Gaza; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville stands with Israel and condemns these
29 terrorist attacks; now therefore

30 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

31 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby mourns lives

1 lost through these violent acts and stands unequivocally allied with
2 Israel as it defends itself in the war launched by the terrorist
3 organization Hamas.

4 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
5 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
6 of this Resolution is requested due to the volatile war time
7 conditions in Israel.

8 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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