

1 Introduced by Council Member Howland:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2023-742**

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

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

21 **WHEREAS,** at least nine Americans have been killed in the
22 attacks; and

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

25 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville stands with Israel and condemns these
26 terrorist attacks; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby mourns lives
29 lost through these violent acts and stands unequivocally allied with
30 Israel as it defends itself in the war launched by the terrorist
31 organization Hamas.

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

5 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11 /s/ Carla A. Lopera

12 Office of General Counsel

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