RESOLUTION

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, including Americans and other nationals; 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; and

WHEREAS, The timing of this Hamas terrorism operation to coincide with the observance of the Jewish Sabbath and celebration of the Sukkoth holiday 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 Collin County Commissioners Court:

Section 1. That Collin County unequivocally condemns Hamas for this deplorable and unprovoked attack on Israel.

Section 2. That Collin County reaffirms its support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel.

Section 3. That Collin County recognizes Israel's right to act decisively and unilaterally to protect its citizens.

Section 4. That Collin County expresses its support for Israel's right to pursue without interference or condemnation the elimination of Hamas until Hamas is permanently neutralized and public safety is assured.

Section 5. That Collin County stands with Israel in its fight against Hamas, prays for those who have lost family members and friends, calls for the swift return of all hostages, and hopes for a lasting resolution.

Section 6. That Collin County conveys its most heartfelt condolences to all Israeli victims, American victims and other innocents, as well as their families and communities.

Section 7. That Collin County calls upon the United States to continue its support of Israel in its defense against Hamas and all other terrorist organizations.

Section 8. That Collin County calls upon all Collin County 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.

Section 9. That Collin County calls upon its citizens to live in peace with one another, despite cultural, religious or philosophical differences.

Chris Hill, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1

Cheryl Whiams, Commissioner, Pct 2

Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3

Buncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4

ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk