



STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOINT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Nation of Israel and the United States of America are bound closely by historic and cultural ties, and the horrific terrorist assault against Israel this past weekend was an act of intolerable and despicable hatred and violence; and

WHEREAS, this was a heinous and unprovoked attack on one of our most trusted allies, resulting in innocent lives of adults and children being lost, as well as women and children now being held hostage by the extremist Islamic terrorist organization Hamas; we know that American citizens were among those killed, and an unknown number of our fellow citizens are also being held as hostages; and we strongly urge the immediate release of all innocent people taken by this barbaric organization and its co-conspirators; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee stands with the people of Israel in this time of crisis, and express our unequivocal support for the Nation of Israel; we fully support their ability to use force and their military might to defend themselves from terrorists; and we will not allow evil organizations and their supporters to lessen our resolve to stand shoulder to shoulder with Israel; and

WHEREAS, remaining silent emboldens terrorist groups like Hamas by showing weakness and indifference to their actions, and we, as members of the General Assembly, stand together in support and in voice to condemn these extremist actions;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Cameron Sexton, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, and Randy McNally, Speaker of the Senate of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim that we join with the many others around the country and throughout the world to say that Tennessee stands with Israel, and we condemn extremism and terrorism in all forms.

PROCLAIMED in Nashville, Tennessee, on this
the 10th day of October 2023.



Handwritten signature of Cameron Sexton in black ink.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Handwritten signature of Randy McNally in black ink.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE