

RESOLUTION NO. 23-291

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT
OF ISRAEL AS IT DEFENDS ITSELF IN THE WAR
LAUNCHED BY THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
HAMAS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, on Saturday October 7, Hamas militants from Gaza fired a deadly barrage of rockets and sent gunmen into southern Israeli territory in a large-scale surprise assault that killed hundreds of Israeli civilians; and

WHEREAS, innocent civilians, including women and children, have been taken hostage, injured and murdered in this continuing series of attacks, including hundreds of concert attendees at a music festival near Kibbutz Re'im; and

WHEREAS, at least eleven Americans have been killed in the attacks; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, October 8, Israel declared war against Hamas, the Palestinian militant group based in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, the Key West City Commission stands with Israel and condemns these terrorist attacks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission of the City of Key West hereby mourns lives lost through the violent acts against Israel and stands allied with Israel as it defends itself in the war set off by the terrorist organization Hamas.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 12th day of October, 2023.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on 13th day of October, 2023.

Filed with the Clerk on October 13, 2023.

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| Mayor Teri Johnston | <u>Yes</u> |
| Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman | <u>Yes</u> |
| Commissioner Lissette Carey | <u>Yes</u> |
| Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover | <u>Yes</u> |
| Commissioner Clayton Lopez | <u>Absent</u> |
| Commissioner Billy Wardlow | <u>Yes</u> |
| Commissioner Jimmy Weekley | <u>Yes</u> |

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK