

# CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



## IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDERED:

October 16, 2023

### RESOLUTION

**Whereas:** On Oct 7, 2023 Israel was subject to a surprise and unprovoked attack by Hamas who claim to have fired 5000 rockets from the Gaza strip, and

**Whereas:** The resulting violence has resulted in the killing and wounding of over 2500 people mostly civilian, the forceable abduction of hundreds of others, and an escalating situation every day this continues, and

**Whereas:** The attacking force has called for the elimination of Israel and its citizenry, and we know that an attack on Israel is a veiled attack on Jewish communities locally.

**Therefore:** We, the City Council of Newburyport, strongly and unequivocally condemn all acts of terror and violence against civilians and the State of Israel specifically. We stand for human rights, ask for international co-operation and the rule of law.

**Therefore,** We, the City Council of Newburyport, stand with Israel's right to self-defense, and we pray for the victims and their families that have been torn apart,

**And furthermore,** We, The City Council of Newburyport, strongly support the local Jewish community. We want them to feel reassured that we, as a community, understand the feelings of anxiety and isolation that this unsettling news brings. We will live up to our ideals of No Place for Hate and will take actions, as appropriate, to ensure the safety of the local Jewish community.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the City Councillors signed below.

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Councillor James J McCauley