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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

| Ms. | Rosen | submitted | the   | following | resolution; | which | was | referred | to | the |
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## **RESOLUTION**

- Condemning Hamas for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on Israel and demanding that Hamas immediately release all hostages and return them to safety, and for other purposes.
- Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas, the Iran-backed terror group, launched premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks from the Gaza Strip into Israel, targeting the Israeli people;
- Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas invaded more than 20 communities bordering the Gaza Strip and attacked innocent young people attending the Tribe of Nova music festival;

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- Whereas, since October 7, 2023, Hamas has killed more than 1,400 Israelis, along with at least 30 United States citizens, and wounded nearly 4,000 people;
- Whereas reports and videos have surfaced of Hamas executing Israeli civilians, including entire families being slaughtered and horrific acts of violence targeting young children;
- Whereas, since October 7, 2023, Hamas has fired more than 5,000 rockets into Israel;
- Whereas it is estimated that nearly 200 people were abducted and are being held hostage in the Gaza Strip;
- Whereas more than 20 countries have verified their citizens were either killed or are unaccounted for, with many believed to be taken hostage by Hamas;
- Whereas children and the elderly are among those taken hostage by Hamas;
- Whereas some hostages, including multiple United States citizens, are known to be in dire need of urgent medical assistance;
- Whereas Hamas has threatened to execute hostages and broadcast the executions publicly;
- Whereas, in 1997, the United States designated Hamas a foreign terrorist organization;
- Whereas President Joe Biden has pledged the full force of the United States Government to help Israel rescue the hostages;
- Whereas United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres condemned the attacks by Hamas in the strongest terms and unequivocally called for the "immediate release of all abducted persons"; and

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Whereas the deliberate murder and hostage-taking of innocent civilians are prohibited by international law: Now, therefore, be it

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| 1  | Resolved, That the Senate—                           |
| 2  | (1) condemns Hamas in the harshest terms for         |
| 3  | its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist  |
| 4  | attacks on Israel;                                   |
| 5  | (2) decries Hamas's abductions and threats           |
| 6  | made against hostages, including threats to use hos- |
| 7  | tages as human shields;                              |
| 8  | (3) demands that Hamas provide access and            |
| 9  | medical care to all hostages;                        |
| 10 | (4) demands that Hamas immediately release           |
| 11 | all hostages and return them to safety;              |
| 12 | (5) calls on the United States to lead a global      |
| 13 | campaign to demand the release of the hostages held  |
| 14 | captive by Hamas; and                                |
| 15 | (6) expresses sympathy to the hostages and           |
| 16 | those wounded, and to their families, and mourns     |

those killed by Hamas' terrorist attacks.

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