



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO SECURITY,
PEACE, AND COMMITMENT TO COMBATING
ANTI-SEMITISM AND ISLAMOPHOBIA**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter, and in light of the recent and tragic events in the Holy land of all the monotheistic faiths; and

WHEREAS, we emphasize the urgent need for lasting peace in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that there is no humanity without peace, justice, and love, and giving to others what we want for ourselves; there is no justice without acts that are just; there is no compassion if we are not compassionate in all our thoughts and actions; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the inherent right of people to live in security and without the threat of violence and that all individuals should have the right to enjoy their lives, including participating in joyous cultural events without the threat of violence or being taken as a political hostage; and

WHEREAS, we stand in solidarity with the State of Israel in its pursuit of security and peace, and plead for the immediate return of hostages to their families; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all parties to actively seek a negotiated solution that ensures the long-term security, stability, and coexistence of both Israel and its neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, we strongly condemn all forms of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, discrimination, and hate crimes against individuals and communities based on their religious faith; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and highlight that here in Santa Barbara County, leaders of our Jewish and Islamic faith communities have stood in solidarity, together, in times of strife and tragedy by sharing meals together, marching and rallying together, including during this difficult time of fear, grief, and suffering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors stands in support of the State of Israel, opposition to anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, and highlights the peaceful coexistence of Jewish and Muslim community members here in Santa Barbara County as an expression of humanity coexisting peacefully together.



ATTEST:

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