

**HERNANDO COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

PROCLAMATION #P24-007

WHEREAS, Hernando County School Board supports Israel's right to exist and flourish as a nation that has become a "melting pot" of people groups in the Middle East, including those of Jewish descent and those practicing the Jewish faith; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County School Board condemns the heinous crimes of terror, including but not limited to rape, torture, beheading, and burning alive, that was committed against these civilians who were abducted against their will, including infants; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County School Board also condemns Hezbollah for the indiscriminate firing of missiles into Israel, targeting civilian populations; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County School Board condemns the random attacks on International shipping in the Middle East by the Houthis firing rockets and launching drones to attack peaceful merchant vessels from many nations indiscriminately; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County School Board condemns the Invasion of Russia into Ukraine and dissemination to the civilian population and to buildings and infrastructure needed to support life in a harsh climate; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County School Board also condemns any aggression by known terrorist organizations against peaceful civilian populations in efforts to eliminate said civilians or in the pursuit of genocide of a civilian population peacefully existing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Hernando County School Board hereby proclaims unwavering support for Israel and our Israeli citizens in Hernando County as the horrific realities of terrorism and war affect them and their families and the acts of terrorism against any civilian populations peacefully co-existing worldwide.

SECTION 2. School Board Members of Hernando County state that Hernando County School Board joins cities, counties, and states across the nation in declaring there is no place for terroristic violence and condemns the acts of Hamas, Hezbollah, The Houthis, and all terrorist groups against any peaceful civilian population of the world.

ADOPTED by the Hernando County School Board at a duly noticed public meeting in Hernando County, Florida this ____ day of _____, 2024, A.D.

Board Chair, Linda K. Prescott

Vice Chair, Susan D. Duval

Member, Gus Guadagnino

Member, Mark Johnson

Member, Shannon Rodriguez

Superintendent John Stratton