

**HERNANDO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA
Proclamation No. P24-004**

WHEREAS, Hernando County School District 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 District condemns the October 7, 2023, terrorist attacks by Hamas militants who not only launched unprovoked missile attacks at civilian populations, but also breached border security with 1000's of soldiers on the ground, by boat and via air by paragliders. These Hamas militants indiscriminately gunned down peaceful civilians, broke into homes killing unarmed civilians, kidnapping women and children, ultimately smuggling them out of the borders of Israel and

WHEREAS, Hernando County School District 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 District also condemns Hamas for restricting the exodus of civilian populations from the Gaza Strip therein using them as human shields during military actions, and

WHEREAS, Hernando County School District further supports Israel's ability to defend its sovereignty, its citizens, and its resources against any invading/attacking force while also using all efforts necessary to extract those who were kidnapped and smuggled outside of the borders of Israel.

**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 each day this conflict continues.

SECTION 2. School board Members of Hernando County state that Hernando County School District joins cities, counties, and states across the nation in declaring there is no place for terroristic violence and condemns the acts of Hamas, which resulted in deaths, injuries, and displacement of thousands as of January 23, 2024.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 23rd day of January 2024, A.D.

Board Chair, Linda K. Prescott

Vice Chair, Susan D. Duval

Member, Gus Guadagnino

Member, Mark Johnson

Member, Shannon Rodriguez