

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-0091**

**A resolution condemning the violent act of war perpetrated against the state of Israel and affirming its right to exist and defend itself.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane values peace, justice, and the well-being of all its residents and recognizes the significance international conflicts have on a local scale; and

**WHEREAS**, Spokane community members have close family members and ties to individuals living under threat in Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent violent acts of war perpetrated by Hamas and its allies against the state of Israel have caused immense suffering to Spokane residents and Israelis; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Israel, like any sovereign nation, has the inherent right to defend itself against acts of aggression and terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane is home to a diverse population that includes residents of Jewish and Palestinian descent; and

**WHEREAS**, advancing inclusion and belonging for people of all races, national origins, and ethnicities is critical to guaranteeing the safety and security of all residents of Spokane; and


**WHEREAS**, each of us has a personal responsibility to prevent the spread of misinformation, condemn violent acts in any form, support all fellow community members, and reject stigma, hate, and bias in all its forms; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Spokane:

1. Condemns the violent acts of war perpetrated by Hamas and its allies against the state of Israel, which have caused immense suffering and destabilization in the region.
2. Affirms Israel's right to exist as a sovereign nation and to defend itself against acts of aggression and terrorism.
3. Expresses its support for the residents of Spokane, including those of both Jewish and Palestinian heritages and reaffirms its commitment to fostering a community that is welcoming to all.

Passed by the City Council this 9th day of October , 2023.



  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Assistant City Attorney