

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
3 COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,
4 SUPPORTING THE RIGHT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL TO
5 USE ALL APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY MEANS TO
6 DEFEND ITSELF FROM ROCKET ATTACKS INCLUDING
7 ON THE ISRAELI CIVILIAN POPULATION, SUPPORTING
8 ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURITY, AND
9 SUPPORTING A PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THE
10 CURRENT FIGHTING; AND PROVIDING FOR
11 SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

12 (Sponsored by Commissioner Mark D. Bogen)

13 WHEREAS, Hamas exercises control over the Gaza Strip, an area of land Israel
14 had captured in 1967 in a defensive war and from which Israel fully withdrew in 2005;

15 WHEREAS, we are witnessing an escalation of hostilities between Israel and
16 Hamas, precipitated by the firing by Hamas and other Gaza-based terrorist groups of
17 thousands of rockets into the State of Israel, indiscriminately targeting civilians and
18 resulting in civilian deaths and other casualties;

19 WHEREAS, Israel, acting well within its rights as a sovereign nation, has
20 responded to these attacks including through aerial counterattacks targeting structures
21 used in connection with the launching of rockets into Israel;

22 WHEREAS, it is Israeli practice to provide advance notice to civilian occupants of
23 these structures that the structures will be targeted, giving those occupants an opportunity
24 to vacate the structures;

WHEREAS, every sovereign nation, including Israel, has the right to defend its
residents from attacks of the nature we are currently witnessing, and no responsible

1 nation would permit such attacks to occur without responding in a manner designed to
2 promptly end such attacks and deter similar attacks in the future;

3 WHEREAS, this tragic loss of civilian life can be avoided only if Hamas and aligned
4 terrorist groups cease firing rockets into Israel; and

5 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) strongly supports the
6 sovereignty of the State of Israel, and recognizes its right to self-defense and to protect
7 its citizens, NOW, THEREFORE,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
10 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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12 Section 1. The Board strongly supports the right of the State of Israel, as a
13 sovereign nation, to defend itself and its residents against attacks of the nature we are
14 currently witnessing, and the right of the State of Israel and its residents to live in peace
15 and security free from such attacks.

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17 Section 2. The Board expresses its hope for a prompt cessation of this current
18 fighting.

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20 Section 3. Severability.

21 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid
22 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this
23 Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be
24 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such

