



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6004

Introduced by: **Representative Deutsch**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Affirming the Legislature's support and commitment**
2 **of the State of Israel.**

3 WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of destroying the State of Israel and
4 murdering Jews worldwide, and designated by the United States as a foreign terrorist
5 organization; and

6 WHEREAS, the Hamas terrorist organization launched a brutal, highly organized, and
7 unprecedented attack upon Israel and its citizens in the early morning hours of October 7,
8 2023; and

9 WHEREAS, in its attack, Hamas killed, tortured, beheaded, burned alive, and raped
10 hundreds of innocent civilians and took hundreds of Israeli babies, children, women, entire
11 families, elderly, and infirm civilians hostage; and

12 WHEREAS, Hamas committed atrocities that recall the worst ravages of ISIS, unleashing
13 pure, unadulterated evil; and

14 WHEREAS, the dead are not just Israelis, but Americans and citizens of countries around
15 the world; and

16 WHEREAS, in its attack, Hamas has fired thousands of rockets against Israeli population
17 centers in an attempt to kill untold numbers of innocent civilians; and

18 WHEREAS, the timing of this Hamas terrorism operation to coincide with the observance
19 of the Jewish Sabbath and celebration of the Sukkoth holiday demonstrates the intent to
20 maximize civilian casualties; and

21 WHEREAS, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements of its terrorist infrastructure in
22 civilian population centers using civilians as human shields;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Ninth
2 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
3 reaffirms its support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the
4 State of Israel; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature recognizes Israel's right to act decisively
6 and unilaterally in self-defense to protect the right to life of its citizens; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature expresses its support of Israel's right to
8 pursue without interference or condemnation the elimination of Hamas until Hamas is
9 permanently neutralized, and public safety is assured; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature express utmost admiration for the
11 members of the Israeli Defense Force who answered the call to duty to protect their homes,
12 families, friends, and country; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature convey its most heartfelt condolences to
14 all Israeli victims as well as their families and communities, and may their memories be a
15 blessing;

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature pray for those injured, kidnapped, and
17 those who grieve or suffer; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature calls upon South Dakota law enforcement
19 to remain vigilant in protecting South Dakota Jewish citizens, and all supporters of the State
20 of Israel from acts of crime and unlawful discrimination that tend to manifest at certain times;
21 and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature encourages all states in the United States
23 to likewise condemn Hamas as well as any official government body that refuses to recognize
24 Israel's right to act decisively in self-defense to protect its citizens.