

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 10**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Anderson**

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 10, as introduced, Anderson. Support of Israel.

This measure would describe the conflict between Israel and Hamas and proclaim the Legislature's support of Israel.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State of Israel withdrew from the Gaza Strip  
2 in August 2005. Since then, more than 6,400 rocket attacks  
3 launched from Gaza have terrorized the civilian population of  
4 southern Israel; and

5 WHEREAS, Hard hit by the terrorist organization Hamas is  
6 Sderot, a town of 20,000 less than three miles north of Gaza. A  
7 mostly immigrant community of Israeli Jews, Christians, and  
8 Muslims with few economic resources, Sderot is home to over  
9 3,000 children. More than half of the community is over 65 years  
10 of age; and

11 WHEREAS, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa stated,  
12 "None of us here in Los Angeles can truly comprehend what life  
13 must be like in southern Israel or the Gaza Strip... In a nation where  
14 we have the luxury and the privilege to demonstrate, advocate our  
15 positions, and go home at night free from terror and violence - it  
16 is vital for us to remember that no one condones the loss of

1 innocent life... No one doubts that each life lost to terrorism is a  
2 loss to our world,” and said “As we speak, the tragic consequences  
3 of Hamas’ actions and ideology are playing out on television  
4 screens and newspapers worldwide... I’ve been to Sderot and seen  
5 the wreckage caused by a constant barrage of rocket attacks. I’ve  
6 met parents afraid to let their kids play in the streets and students  
7 unable to go to school each day. I’ve walked along empty roads,  
8 visited vacant buildings, and witnessed the sheer destruction of a  
9 town decimated by eight years of missile strikes... Any nation  
10 would take action to protect its citizens and ensure the safety and  
11 security of its residents. And no country would sit silently while  
12 innocent families are threatened and civilian lives are at-risk...  
13 Israel is no different. It must act against the Hamas leaders targeting  
14 the innocent. And it must be allowed to exercise its right and  
15 responsibility to defend itself”; and

16 WHEREAS, Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy  
17 Pelosi, stated, “Peace between Israelis and Palestinians cannot  
18 result from daily barrages of rocket and mortar fire from  
19 Hamas-controlled Gaza. Hamas and its supporters must understand  
20 that Gaza cannot and will not be allowed to be a sanctuary for  
21 attacks on Israel”; and

22 WHEREAS, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee  
23 Representative Howard Berman stated, “Israel has a right, indeed  
24 a duty, to defend itself in response to the hundreds of rockets and  
25 mortars fired from Gaza over the past week. No government in  
26 the world would sit by and allow its citizens to be subjected to this  
27 kind of indiscriminate bombardment. The loss of innocent life is  
28 a terrible tragedy, and the blame for that tragedy lies with Hamas”;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Congressman Jim Costa stated, “These unprovoked  
31 attacks on Israel have shown the world yet again the ultimate goal  
32 of Hamas: the destruction of Israel. It is unfortunate that Hamas  
33 is not interested in a peace agreement, but rather killing innocent  
34 people and forcing Israel to protect herself, while the people of  
35 Gaza suffer... I support Israel’s right to defend itself against these  
36 rocket attacks from Gaza, and urge the rest of the world to stand  
37 with Israel during this perilous time”; and

38 WHEREAS, The government of Israel has finally taken action  
39 to stop the rain of mortars and missiles from Gaza and is now in

1 its second week of war against the terrorist organization Hamas;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, As a surrogate of Iran, Hamas not only terrorizes  
4 Jewish and Christian populations around the world, it has been  
5 brutal to the Muslim Arabs living in Gaza and across Israel. Hamas  
6 terrorists have murdered hundreds of Arabs within Gaza and have  
7 withheld food, medical supplies, and fuel to large segments of the  
8 population they control. Hamas has declared it will not stop its  
9 rocket attacks on Israel and this war will continue; now, therefore,  
10 be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
12 *thereof concurring*, That as a bipartisan coalition, the Legislature  
13 supports Israel's right to seek peace and security for its citizens,  
14 the prime obligation of any government, and we stand with Israel.

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