

WHEREAS, on Saturday, October 7, 2023, thousands of terrorists infiltrated Israel at several locations while massive rocket barrages were launched at Israeli territories; and

WHEREAS, these unprecedented and audacious terrorist attacks injured and killed over 1,400 innocent Israeli citizens; and

WHEREAS, it was further determined that the victims of this attack also included individuals from at least 37 nations making this truly a global terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, this list also comprised of dozens of US citizens killed or missing including a former resident of New Jersey, it's evident that the atrocities of this event hit very close to home; and

WHEREAS, Watchung shares in the pain and suffering along with the families, friends and compatriots of all those who were injured, killed or taken hostage in this unprecedented attack; and

WHEREAS, Watchung and the surrounding region is home to a large representation of individuals of diverse race, religion and nationalities and we embrace and praise our inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, we should continue to remain forever vigilant against hatred, persecution, and terrorism.

Now therefore, I, Ronald Jubin, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, along with Members of the Council, do hereby condemn the attacks on Israel and strongly urge all citizens to join us in standing in solidarity and unity for the protection of innocent non-combatants in this emerging conflict.

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor October 19, 2023