



Shelby County
Mayors Association

November 22, 2023

To: Residents of Shelby County, Alabama, and All Who May Be Concerned

From: The Shelby County Mayors' Association

Subject: Statement of Support for Israel

In the wake of Hamas' heinous October 7, 2023, attack on the sovereign nation of Israel, the brutal murder, rape and kidnapping of innocent men, women and children, continuing attacks on the civilian population of Israel, the disturbing rise in anti-Semitism, and subsequent pro-Hamas/anti-Israel demonstrations; we, the undersigned mayors of Shelby County, Alabama, are compelled to affirm the following:

- Condemnation of Hamas' October 7 and continuing attacks on Israel.
- Israel's sovereign right to defend itself against Hamas and other terrorist actors who seek its demise.
- Support for Israel's mission to eliminate Hamas and the threat of future attacks it poses.
- Immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

We recognize the brutality of war and the death and destruction it wreaks; however, the battle for justice against injustice and good versus evil must prevail to protect the innocent and ensure liberty. We pray for a speedy end to hostilities and a lasting peace.

To this we affix our names.

The Honorable Tony Picklesimer
Mayor, City of Chelsea
Chair, 2023 SCMA

The Honorable Scott Brakefield
Mayor, City of Alabaster

The Honorable Theoangelo Perkins
Mayor, Town of Harpersville

The Honorable Frank Brocato
Mayor, City of Hoover

The Honorable Rusty Nix
Mayor, City of Montevallo

The Honorable James Latimer
Mayor, City of Vincent

The Honorable Ricky Ray Morris
Mayor, Town of Wilsonville

The Honorable David Mitchell
Mayor, City of Columbiana
Vice Chair, 2023 SCMA

The Honorable Jon Graham
Mayor, City of Calera

The Honorable Brian Puckett
Mayor, City of Helena

The Honorable Brenda Bell-Guercio
Mayor, Village of Indian Springs

The Honorable Gary Waters
Mayor, City of Pelham

The Honorable Larry Riggins
Mayor, Town of Westover

The Honorable Deborah Wilson
Mayor, Town of Wilton