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S. RES. 72

Affirming that Hamas cannot retain any political or military control in
the Gaza Strip .

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COTTON, Ms. ROSEN, and
Mrs. BRITT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Affirming that Hamas cannot retain any political or military
control in the Gaza Strip .

Whereas Hamas was established in 1987, with the Hamas
Covenant stating “Israel will exist and will continue to
exist until [it is] obliterate[d]” clearly signifying the in-
tent of Hamas to destroy the State of Israel, eradicate
the Jewish population, and undermine peace and pros-
perity in the Middle East;

Whereas, on October 8, 1997, the Secretary of State des-
ignated Hamas a foreign terrorist organization in accord-
ance with section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality
Act (8 U.S.C. 1189) for their repeated support for acts
of terrorism;

Whereas, since 2007, Hamas has served as the de facto governing body in the Gaza Strip;

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas—

(1) launched an unprovoked attack against the State of Israel;

(2) brutally murdered more than 1,200 innocent men, women, and children;

(3) took more than 250 individuals hostage; and

(4) injured thousands more individuals in the deadliest attack on the Jewish people since the Holocaust;

Whereas the United States Government has concluded that—

(1) “Hamas has received funding, weapons, and training from the Islamic Republic of Iran”; and

(2) “Iran provides up to \$100,000,000 annually in combined support to Palestinian terrorist groups, including Hamas”; and

Whereas Hamas has threatened to attack the State of Israel again and stated “We must teach Israel a lesson, and we will do this again and again. The Al-Aqsa Deluge [the name Hamas gave its October 7 onslaught] is just the first time, and there will be a second, a third, a fourth”:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) affirms that Hamas cannot be allowed to
3 retain any political or military control in the Gaza
4 Strip;

5 (2) calls upon the President to use all economic
6 and diplomatic tools possible to halt all sources of
7 funding for Hamas from the Islamic Republic of
8 Iran and all other sources of revenue; and

1 (3) supports the State of Israel as it continues
2 to defend its sovereignty against attacks from
3 Hamas, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and all other
4 Iranian proxies.

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