

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 73

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** condemning recent acts of terrorism in Israel
2 by the military wing of the Islamic fundamentalist organization, Hamas, and
3 urging continued efforts toward peace in the Middle East.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Four recent suicide bombing attacks within nine days in Israel
6 have resulted in the deaths of almost 60 men, women, and children and the
7 injury of scores of other innocent persons; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The suicide bombers directed their savage and cowardly attacks
9 at unsuspecting civilians, including at least one visiting resident of this State,
10 who were engaged in such daily activities as riding the bus or browsing in
11 shopping centers; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The military wing of Hamas, a Palestinian fundamentalist
13 organization with a long history of terroristic violence dating back to the
14 beginning of the Palestinian uprising in Israel in 1988, has claimed
15 responsibility for all four of the suicide bombing attacks in Israel; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the goal of certain Hamas factions in carrying out these wanton and
17 brutal attacks on Israeli civilians appears to be to stymie the hard-won
18 Middle East peace process and revert to the armed conflict between the
19 Israeli and Palestinian peoples; and

20 **WHEREAS**, These dastardly terrorist acts carried out by a militant minority and
21 the resulting military crackdown by Israel have indeed strained relations
22 between the Israelis and the Palestinians and threaten the ongoing Middle
23 East peace negotiations which are so crucial to the welfare and
24 tranquility of so many nations; now, therefore,

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26 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

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28 1. This House condemns Hamas for these recent acts of terrorism and for
29 its tactics which condone the slaughter of innocent civilians to achieve a
30 political goal.

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32 2. This House further urges the Israelis and Palestinian people not

1 to be dissuaded from continued peace negotiations due to the violent acts of
2 a militant minority.

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STATEMENT

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7 This resolution condemns the recent acts of terrorism by the Palestinian
8 organization, Hamas, which resulted in the deaths of close to 60 people and
9 injuries to numerous others. This resolution further urges continued efforts
10 toward peace in the Middle East despite the terrorism by Hamas.

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15 Condemns recent acts of terrorism in Israel by Hamas and urges continued
16 peace negotiations in the Middle East.