

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, the terrorist group known as Hamas made a surprise, unprovoked attack in Israel, in which more than 1,400 people were brutally butchered; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, children were decapitated, people were burned beyond recognition, women were brutally raped, hundreds of people were massacred at a music festival, and hundreds of people, mostly civilians, were taken hostage by Hamas terrorists; and

WHEREAS, the murder and kidnapping of civilians, and the use of sexual violence and separation and torture of children, amongst the other atrocities perpetrated by Hamas, are abominable, unforgivable, and flagrantly violate the United Nations Charter, Helsinki Accords, established norms and principles of international law, and the laws of war.

NOW THEREFORE, the New York State Bar Association unequivocally condemns the terrorist acts and atrocities perpetrated by Hamas in Israel on October 7, 2023, and calls for the immediate return of all hostages. In the face of these abhorrent attacks, the New York State Bar Association, like the State of New York and many others, stands steadfast in support of Israel and its right to defend its sovereignty.