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## Statement From Rockland County Legislators On The Horrific Attacks On Innocent Civilians In Israel

Not since the Holocaust have so many innocent men, women, seniors and children been so horribly attacked merely because they were Jewish.

We Stand With Israel.

Like every other nation, Israel has the duty to defend itself from any who would seek to do it harm.

The atrocities committed by the terrorists are unspeakable, and not a single perpetrator can be allowed to escape justice, nor should anyone who gave them funding, training or comfort and aid.

We join with other right-minded people around the world in calling for the release of the innocents who were kidnapped and taken from their homes and their families.

These heinous attacks purposefully took place on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of another sneak attack - the Yom Kippur War – with the same clear motivations: Kill Jews. These attacks took place in the early morning of the Jewish sabbath and during the Simchat Torah holiday, when many families gather as it is a joyous time meant to be spent with loved ones.

The victims of these attacks – in some cases outright massacres – were completely unprepared for the horrors forced upon them. For many, there was just nowhere for civilians to run to escape being raped, stabbed, shot, run down or burned. None of the babies beheaded by the terrorists had a chance.

We offer our sincerest condolences to all who have lost loved ones, friends, neighbors and co-workers. May their memories always be a blessing.

These terrorists have stated their goal is to kill Jews and destroy the state of Israel by any means necessary.

Israel is strong, it will overcome, and it is here to stay.

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