



Whereas, The people of the City of New York understand the pain and suffering caused by terrorist acts perpetrated upon civilian populations; and

Whereas, After the September 11th terrorist attack the people of the City of New York are vividly aware of and sympathize with the anguish and personal loss suffered by the families of terrorist victims; and

Whereas, The people of the City of New York are mindful of the need to pursue and bring to justice those individuals and organizations responsible for the creation and promotion of terrorist acts both in Afghanistan and elsewhere; and

Whereas, The people of the city of New York are aware that Palestinian youngsters are encouraged to become living weapons at the behest of terrorist organizations while their families are paid off by other nations such as Iraq; and

Whereas, The people of the City of New York have looked on in horror and shock at news reports and images depicting the extent of calculated brutality and terrorism inflicted upon innocent civilians by Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and the Al Aksa Brigade, among other terrorist entities; and

Whereas, The people of the City of New York understand that there has been a loss of civilian life on all sides of this conflict; and

Whereas, The people of the City of New York, possessing an abiding compassion and humanitarian spirit, express their sympathy and solidarity with the families of the civilian victims on all sides; and

Whereas, The people of the City of New York strongly condemn those who employ terror to achieve political ends; and

Whereas, The people of the City of New York strongly support efforts for a true and lasting peace for all parties to this conflict so that peace and prosperity may flourish in the region; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York strongly condemns the brutal Palestinian suicide bomb terrorist attacks against Israel and expresses solidarity with the people of the State of Israel as well as sympathy for the loss of all civilian life in the current conflict with the hope for a true and lasting peace that provides security for all parties.