

1 **WHEREAS**, on October 7th, over 1,200 citizens of Israel and visitors from other
2 countries lost their lives; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, since October 7th over 30,000 Palestinians and countless visitors and aid
5 workers in Gaza have perished, and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany recognizes the fear, anxiety, and grief of Israelis and
8 Albany residents whose friends and loved ones perished, were taken hostage or survived the
9 October 7th attack with physical and psychological injuries, and the continuing pain for the
10 suffering of those who are being held hostage; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany recognizes the fear, anxiety, and grief of Palestinians,
13 Gazans, and Albany residents whose friends and loved ones have perished since October 7 or
14 have survived with physical and psychological injuries; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, millions of lives are at imminent risk from the continued hostilities and
17 due to a lack of food and medical care; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, international organizations like Amnesty International, the United
20 Nations, European Parliament, the World Health Organization, the US Agency for
21 International Development (USAID), the International Rescue Committee, the International
22 Court of Justice, and many others have made calls for an end to the hostilities in order to
23 prevent the further loss of civilian lives, allow entry of humanitarian aid, and comply with
24 international humanitarian law; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, our nation and our leaders are uniquely situated to help bring about a
27 peaceful end to the current violence.

