Dear Nassau County Medical Society and Nassau Academy of Medicine Community,

The Nassau County Medical Society and the Nassau Academy of Medicine express our support for the innocent people in Israel and Palestine who have fallen victim to Hamas’ recent acts of terrorism. According to The Whitehouse, “In recent days, Hamas terrorists massacred families in their homes, slaughtered over 200 young people enjoying a music festival, and kidnapped elderly women, children, and entire families, who are now being held as hostages.” These violent, explicit acts of terrorism cannot be justified.

It is with horror that we continue to receive updates about the state of the Middle East, and we cannot be idle. While we ask you to please keep Israel and Palestine in your thoughts, we must also answer the call to action in showing our support and donating to organizations like Magen David (the Israeli version of the American Red Cross) and Doctors Without Borders whose collected funds will aid those suffering in the Middle East and those who are going above and beyond their calling in the medical profession to heal victims of the ongoing issues and gruesome attacks.

While we cannot reason or reconcile the acts of terrorism and we cannot regain the lives that we have lost, we have seen time and time again that the voice and actions of the many ring louder than the voice and actions of the few. The Nassau County Medical Society and the Nassau Academy of Medicine pride ourselves on the community that we have created and our growing network of physician members. In times like these, where those who live in fear have nowhere to turn to, we ask you to stretch out your arms and find ways to give and show your support. Together, we will make a difference.

Thank you for your time and your actions toward restoring peace in the Middle East.

Warm regards,
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