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Rhodes Community,

We are reaching out to offer support related to this weekend's eruption of violence in the Middle East. We are appalled by and unequivocally condemn acts of terrorism and war that deliberately target civilians and the taking of civilian hostages. As of this writing, over 1300 Israelis and Palestinians have lost their lives this weekend, and thousands more have been wounded. We grieve the lives lost and pray for the safe return of the missing, and we will continue to closely monitor this unfolding conflict.

We know that many of you, particularly our Jewish, Muslim, and Middle Eastern and North African affiliated students, faculty and staff, have close family and friends in, and religious and cultural ties to, that region and its people. We know some of you may already be greatly impacted by events of the past two days, and we are here for you and want to hear from you. We care about how you're doing and what you need, and understand that support can look very different for each person. We share a number of resources below, and we are always open to hearing about other ways we can support you. We're holding you in our hearts and our thoughts.

We want to remind you that there is 24/7 in-the-moment mental health support. Students can call (833) 434-1217, our 24/7 emergency line. Please visit [Counseling Center | Rhodes Sites](#) for additional mental health crisis information. You can also make an appointment during regular center hours at counseling@rhodes.edu or by calling 901-843-3128. Our chaplain, Rev. Beatrix Weil, is also available to meet with you and can be reached at weilb@rhodes.edu. For employees, Human Resources can assist in connecting you to resources by phone at (901) 843-3750 or by email at hr@rhodes.edu.

Finally, across the many different views and opinions related to Israel, Palestine, and the long history of conflict in the region, we encourage you to stay compassionate towards others and to engage in dialogue based on mutual respect, civility, and kindness. Rhodes has a long history of facing challenging moments together, and we will work to support

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