
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT CEASEFIRE IN GAZA; FACILITATE THE DE-ESCALATION OF, AND END TO, HOSTILITIES; AND PROVIDE TO THE AREA FUEL, FOOD, WATER, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND OTHER FORMS OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF.

1 WHEREAS, all human life is precious, and the targeting of
2 non-combatants in a conflict zone is a violation of
3 international humanitarian law; and
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5 WHEREAS, since October 2023, armed violence in Gaza has
6 claimed the lives of tens of thousands of Palestinians and
7 Israelis, including journalists, humanitarian workers, and other
8 non-combatants; and
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10 WHEREAS, many of the Palestinians killed or wounded during
11 the violence in Gaza have been children; and
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13 WHEREAS, international humanitarian law requires that all
14 parties to an armed conflict protect children and prevent the
15 commission of grave violations against them, including killing
16 and maiming, the attacks on schools and hospitals, the
17 recruitment and use of children, the abduction of children, and
18 the denial of humanitarian access; and
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20 WHEREAS, Palestinian children and their families are
21 suffering as a result of restrictions the Israeli government has
22 placed on the movement of food, water, fuel, and other
23 humanitarian assistance; and
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25 WHEREAS, while Israel's stated goal is to dismantle Hamas,
26 a recognized terrorist organization, this end should not be
27 achieved at the expense of innocent lives; and
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1 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of additional lives are at
2 imminent risk if a permanent ceasefire is not achieved and
3 humanitarian aid provided; and
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5 WHEREAS, the United States holds immense diplomatic power
6 and can save both Palestinian and Israeli lives by facilitating
7 a de-escalation of, and end to, the hostilities in Gaza; now,
8 therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
12 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the President of
13 the United States and the United States Congress are urged to
14 call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza;
15 facilitate the de-escalation of, and end to, hostilities; and
16 provide to the area fuel, food, water, medical supplies, and
17 other forms of humanitarian relief; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
21 United States, Majority Leader of the United State Senate,
22 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each
23 member of Hawaii's congressional delegation.
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