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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT  
THE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY UNITED  
STATES CONGRESSWOMAN CORI BUSH.

1           WHEREAS, all human life is precious and the targeting of  
2 non-combatants in a conflict zone is in violation of rule 1 of  
3 customary international humanitarian law; and  
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5           WHEREAS, between October 7 and December 2, 2023, armed  
6 violence has claimed the lives of more than thirteen thousand  
7 Palestinians and some one thousand two hundred Israelis, and  
8 wounded tens of thousands more, the vast majority of which are  
9 civilians; and  
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11           WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent  
12 risk if a permanent ceasefire is not reached and humanitarian  
13 aid is not delivered without delay; and  
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15           WHEREAS, roughly half of the Palestinians killed or wounded  
16 during the violence in Gaza are children despite international  
17 humanitarian law requiring that all parties to an armed conflict  
18 protect children and prevent the commission of grave violations  
19 against them, including killing and maiming, attacks on schools  
20 and hospitals, recruitment and use of children, abduction of  
21 children, and denial of humanitarian access; and  
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23           WHEREAS, these children and their families face further  
24 imminent threats due to Israeli government restrictions on food,  
25 water, fuel, and other humanitarian assistance that reach them;  
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28           WHEREAS, the dismantling of Hamas, a recognized terrorist  
29 organization, cannot and should not be achieved at the expense  
30 of innocent lives; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the United States federal government holds immense  
2 diplomatic power to save both Palestinian and Israeli lives;  
3 now, therefore,  
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5           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the  
7 House of Representatives concurring, that members of Hawaii's  
8 congressional delegation are urged to support the Ceasefire Now  
9 Resolution introduced by United States Congresswoman Cori Bush;  
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12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of Hawaii's  
13 congressional delegation are urged to insist that the Biden  
14 Administration call for an immediate, permanent ceasefire in  
15 Gaza, to facilitate the de-escalation of hostilities to end the  
16 current violence, promptly send and facilitate the entry of  
17 humanitarian assistance into Gaza, including fuel, food, water,  
18 and medical supplies, and begin negotiations for lasting peace;  
19 and  
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21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
23 United States, Minority Leader of the United States House of  
24 Representatives, members of Hawaii's congressional delegation,  
25 and Chair of the Democratic National Committee.  
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