
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND MEMBERS OF
HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT AN IMMEDIATE
AND PERMANENT CEASEFIRE IN GAZA.

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, on January 26, 2024, the world's highest court,
6 the International Court of Justices declared that Palestinians
7 in Gaza were facing a plausible genocide; and
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9 WHEREAS, between October 7 and December 2, 2023, armed
10 violence has claimed the lives of more than thirteen thousand
11 Palestinians and some one thousand two hundred Israelis, and
12 wounded tens of thousands more, the vast majority of which were
13 civilians; and
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15 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent
16 risk if a permanent ceasefire is not reached and humanitarian
17 aid is not delivered without delay; and
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19 WHEREAS, roughly half of the Palestinians killed or wounded
20 during the violence in Gaza are children despite international
21 humanitarian law requiring that all parties to an armed conflict
22 protect children and prevent the commission of grave violations
23 against them, including killing and maiming, attacks on schools
24 and hospitals, recruitment and use of children, abduction of
25 children, and denial of humanitarian access; and
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27 WHEREAS, these children and their families face further
28 imminent threats, including famine due to Israeli government
29 restrictions on food, water, fuel, medicine, and other
30 humanitarian assistance that reach them; and
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1 WHEREAS, the dismantling of Hamas, a United States
2 Government declared terrorist organization, cannot and should
3 not be achieved at the expense of innocent lives; and
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5 WHEREAS, the United States federal government holds immense
6 diplomatic and economic power to save both Palestinian and
7 Israeli lives; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the President of the
12 United States and members of Hawaii's congressional delegation
13 are urged to publicly call for an immediate and permanent
14 ceasefire in Gaza and continue negotiations for lasting peace;
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of Hawaii's
18 congressional delegation are urged to insist that the Biden
19 Administration call for an immediate, permanent ceasefire in
20 Gaza, to facilitate the de-escalation of hostilities to end the
21 current violence, promptly send and facilitate the entry of
22 humanitarian assistance into Gaza, including fuel, food, water,
23 and medical supplies, and begin negotiations for lasting peace;
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
28 United States, Majority and Minority Leader of the United States
29 Senate and House of Representatives, members of Hawaii's
30 congressional delegation, Chairs of the Democratic National
31 Committee and Republican National Committee, and Governor.

