

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITIC, ANTI-PALESTINIAN, ISLAMOPHOBIC, XENOPHOBIC RHETORIC AND ATTACKS ACROSS THE NATION AND HERE AT HOME AND CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE, DURABLE, AND SUSTAINED CEASEFIRE IN GAZA TO PROTECT AND SAVE HUMAN LIVES, WHICH ALLOWS FOR HUMANITARIAN AID AND THE UNHINDERED PROVISION OF GOODS TO CIVILIANS THROUGHOUT THE GAZA STRIP WHICH ARE INDISPENSABLE TO THEIR SURVIVAL AS REQUIRED BY INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW.

WHEREAS, The City of Oklahoma City is dedicated to fostering a community that embraces diversity, values all life, and upholds the principles of equality and all human rights; and

WHEREAS, since October, the State of Israel has carried out one of the deadliest military campaigns in the world, with the death toll from October 2023 surpassing any major conflict in the 21st century with over 37,000 Palestinians slaughtered, 51 percent of whom are women and children; with some recent estimates indicating possibly more than 186,000 killed, with discrepancies in official numbers lagging because of the destruction of infrastructure to account for accurate accounting; and

WHEREAS, since the current aggression began, Gaza has endured “collective punishment” and has been largely cut off from humanitarian aid. According to the United Nations Human Rights Council, 1.5 million Palestinians have been internally displaced, and over one million people are facing starvation in the coming month; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel has carried out a “complete siege” of Gaza, creating catastrophic humanitarian conditions and unparalleled levels of violence which have been found plausible of falling under provisions of the Genocide Convention at the International Court of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the current crisis in Gaza has resulted in a level of destruction not seen since World War II due to constant bombings and a crippled economy; and

WHEREAS, the Council of The City of Oklahoma City believes all sovereign nations in pursuit of self-defense must comply with international humanitarian law regardless of geographic context; and

WHEREAS, the Council of The City of Oklahoma City agrees that no human should be deprived of water, food, healthcare and medical supplies, energy (e.g. fuel and electricity), and other basic needs, and decries the deprivation thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Council of The City of Oklahoma City condemns all acts of violence aimed at Israeli and Palestinian civilians, and mourns the loss of all civilian and hostages' lives; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oklahoma City recognizes our many Jewish and Palestinian residents who have asked City leadership to call for the protection of human life and wants to encourage our federal government to pursue a response rooted in diplomacy and de-escalation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City that they do hereby condemn anti-Semitic, anti-Palestinian, Islamophobic, xenophobic rhetoric and attacks across the nation and here at home.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City, that they do hereby call for an immediate, durable, and sustained ceasefire in Gaza to protect and save human lives, which allows for humanitarian aid and the unhindered provision of goods to civilians throughout the Gaza Strip which are indispensable to their survival as required by international humanitarian law.

ADOPTED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

MAYOR

REVIEWED for form and legality.



Assistant Municipal Counselor