

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2024

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT TO CALL FOR AND FACILITATE A CEASEFIRE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS ARTHUR AND PARRISH-WRIGHT

WHEREAS, Louisville is a compassionate and welcoming city and home to peaceful residents of all backgrounds;

WHEREAS, Louisville is the hometown of Muhammad Ali, a Muslim who dedicated his life to peace and interfaith cooperation between all peoples;

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council recognizes the urgency of the Israel-Hamas conflict and the need for immediate action;

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council expresses concern for the ongoing violence in Palestine and Israel, especially in the Gaza Strip;

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council condemns antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian sentiments;

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council stresses that collective punishment and violence against civilians are contrary to international law;

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council affirms there is no military solution to this conflict and that peace can only come from a political solution based on common humanity and human rights; and

WHEREAS, the price of this tragedy in the form of dead and orphaned children on both sides of the wall in Gaza is unconscionable.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (“LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL”) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Louisville Metro Council urges Representative Morgan McGarvey, Senator Rand Paul, Senator Mitch McConnell, all other members of the United States Congress, and President Joe Biden to call for and facilitate a ceasefire encompassing all parties involved in the conflict in Palestine and Israel.

SECTION II: The Louisville Metro Council urges the swift and secure return of all hostages held by all parties to the conflict in Palestine and Israel.

SECTION III: The Louisville Metro Council urges the United States Congress to halt additional military spending in Israel until a ceasefire is reached and Israel withdraws from illegal settlements in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

SECTION IV: The Louisville Metro Council urges an unimpeded distribution of humanitarian aid and United Nations peacekeeping protection within Gaza and an unquestioned right of return for all refugees displaced by the conflict.

SECTION V: The Louisville Metro Council Clerk shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, to each Senator and Representative from the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the Congress of the United States, and to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

SECTION VI: This Resolution shall take effect upon passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

Markus Winkler
President of the Council

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____

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