

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

EXPRESSING Cincinnati City Council's sympathy for the ongoing human suffering caused by the current conflict in the Middle East; **CONDEMNING** violence against civilians of any kind; **AFFIRMING** Cincinnati's status as a welcoming community for those of the Jewish and Islamic religions, and all other religions; **SUPPORTING** the right of Palestinian and Israeli civilians to live in safety and peace; and **ENCOURAGING** Cincinnati residents to offer support and sincere empathy to members of our community affected by the ongoing violence and loss of life.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati City Council has long opposed all forms of hate, including both Islamophobia and Antisemitism, and affirms its support for the Israeli and Palestinian people, and all people around the world, to live in peace and security; and

WHEREAS, many members of our Cincinnati community are impacted by the ongoing conflict, including members of our Palestinian Muslim, Palestinian Christian, Israeli and Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, as of March 4, 2024, there is a framework for a six-week truce deal being negotiated in Cairo before the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That this Council supports negotiators in Cairo advocating for a deal that would include a six-week cease-fire, the release of vulnerable hostages, and the provision of unrestricted humanitarian aid; and encourages our federal government leadership to continue working for lasting and permanent peace in the region.

Section 2. That this Council hereby expresses its deepest sympathy for the civilian victims and all those affected by the horrific violence of this war in Israel and Gaza.

Section 3. That this Council condemns all acts of violence committed against civilians, in Gaza, in Israel, and around the world.

Section 4. That this Council condemns the many dehumanizing incidents of Antisemitism and Islamophobia that have taken place, and also condemns the violence and rhetoric directed against Jews, Israelis, Palestinians, and Arabs of both Christian and Muslim faiths.

Section 5. That this Council hereby affirms Cincinnati's status as a welcoming community for those of the Jewish and Muslim faiths, and all other religions, and encourages Cincinnati residents to offer support and condolences to members of these communities.

Section 6. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmembers Anna Albi, Reggie Harris, Mark Jeffreys, Victoria Parks, and Seth Walsh