

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_**

### **A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PEACE AND AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE**

WHEREAS, the Vision of the City of Salem is a safe, livable, and sustainable capital city, with a thriving economy and a vibrant community that is welcoming to all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem holds as key values compassion, equity, accessibility, and inclusivity and is committed to promoting peace, unity, and respect for all its residents; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and stand in solidarity with our Jewish and Muslim communities, reaffirming our commitment to their safety, security, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, we condemn the Hamas' terrorist attacks on Israeli citizens that took place on October 7, 2023 and acknowledge the ongoing conflict in Gaza which has resulted in immense human suffering and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem condemns antisemitism, Islamophobia, and all racism, religious persecution, and hate. We believe people across the globe have the right to live safely and free of fear, with dignity and respect for their human rights, as well as access to food, water, shelter, medicine and other necessities; and

WHEREAS, we support compliance with international law, the protection of civilian lives and immediate access of humanitarian aid to those in Gaza to reduce the widespread human suffering.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON,  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Salem, Oregon calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, and the delivery of life-saving food, water, medicine and other resources to the people of Gaza.

Section 2. The City of Salem, Oregon petitions the immediate release of all Palestinians being held in Israeli jails without due process and the immediate release of all hostages held by Hamas.

Section 3. The City Council asks the Biden-Harris administration and all members of and Oregon's Federal Delegation to use the platform provided by their office to end the conflict in Israel and Palestine and facilitate a lasting solution that includes statehood and self-determination for the Palestinian people, durable security for the Israeli people, and peace, democracy, and justice for all in the region.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

*Drafted by Councilor Varney*