

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, we stand for peace in our homes, our community, and our world; 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, the ongoing atrocity in Gaza has resulted in immense human suffering and loss of life; and

Whereas, the conflict has continued for over seven months, has cost thousands of lives, has caused widespread dislocation and destruction and brought untold suffering to entire populations; and

Whereas, we recognize and stand in solidarity with our Muslim and Jewish communities across the globe calling for peace, reaffirming our commitment to human safety, security, and well-being; and

Whereas, we share dire concerns about the atrocities in Gaza and with untold number of civilian deaths; and

Whereas, we support compliance with international law and the protection of civilian lives and the immediate access of humanitarian aid to reduce the widespread human suffering; and

Whereas, we condemn attacks on all civilians and acts of terrorism, by both Israelis and Palestinians; and

Whereas, we acknowledge the urgency of the situation and the need for immediate action.

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, an end to the hostilities, the free flow of humanitarian aid and the release of all civilian hostages; and

Section 2. 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 and facilitate an immediate and long-term peace; and

Section 3. This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: _____