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REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole

SPONSOR: Councilors Allen, Bain, Barth, Boots, Brown, A., Brown, J., Carlino, Delaney, Evans, Gibson, Graves, Lewis, Mascari, McCormick, Mowery, Nielsen, Osili, Perkins, Roberts and Robinson

DIGEST: calls on all residents of Indianapolis and Marion County to commit themselves to peaceful coexistence in the face of local, national, and international conflict

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Vop Osili

Drafted by: Council Staff

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: _____ Date: October 31, 2024

CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO., 2024

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION calling on all residents of Indianapolis and Marion County to commit themselves to peaceful coexistence in the face of local, national, and international conflict.

WHEREAS, the United States is a diverse nation, founded on the bedrock of the ideal of pluralism, where residents of all backgrounds are called upon to energetically engage across even our deepest differences, not in isolation, but in collaboration and relationship to one another; and

WHEREAS, the City-County Council of Indianapolis and Marion County (Council) seeks to create in Marion County a culture wherein individuals of every faith tradition, religion, cultural background, and ethnic identity are empowered to contribute peacefully to our civil and political discourse; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the limitation of its reach to influence global events, while its members, like all residents of this city and county, nonetheless, bear witness to the devastating impact of political and religious violence across the globe; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that this Council does exercise considerable influence within the boundaries of its jurisdiction and a respectable amount with its adjacent neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the ability of peoples to coexist without employing violence to settle disagreements is essential in a society increasingly characterized by ethnic, religious, sectarian, economic, and political diversity; and

WHEREAS, as elected leaders of the Council, we, along with faith leaders, recognize that the need for us to speak and act with mutual respect and dignity is at its greatest when our disagreements are at their deepest; and

WHEREAS, faith leaders of the Indianapolis community stand with this Council tonight, united in the belief that making a shared commitment to peaceful coexistence within this city and county is the civic and moral duty of every resident of our city; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

SECTION 1. The Indianapolis/Marion County City-County Council condemns all hateful and violent speech or action in our community and around the world directed at members of any faith, race, ethnicity, gender identity, or orientation.

SECTION 2. The Council joins with faith leaders of the Indianapolis community to categorically reject anti-Islamic, anti-Semitic, Hinduphobic and any and all bias, racism, xenophobia, bigotry and marginalization in any form, while respecting freedom of speech within the boundaries of law and respectful civility.

SECTION 3. The Council further joins these faith leaders in their pledge to live in peaceful coexistence; to speak and act with mutual respect for one another, committing to respect the diversity of identities and voices that strengthen the values we all cherish even, or especially, when tensions and violence in our community or around the world may induce us to act otherwise; and to allow these commitments to be our message to a war-weary world.

SECTION 4. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of _____, 2024, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

Vop Osili
President, City-County Council

Yulonda Winfield
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Yulonda Winfield
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor