

INTRODUCED: 11/4/2024

REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole

SPONSOR: Councilor J. Brown

DIGEST: supportS of the immediate implementation of the U.S.-backed ceasefire plan

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Jesse Brown

Drafted by: Jesse Brown

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 SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. , 2024

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION in support of the immediate implementation of the U.S.-backed ceasefire plan.

WHEREAS, the City-County Council of Indianapolis and Marion County (Council) condemns all forms of antisemitism, Islamophobia, racism, and bigotry; and

WHEREAS, the Council advocates for the dignity and safety of all people; and

WHEREAS, since October of 2023, Indianapolis community members and IU-Indianapolis students, faculty and staff have called for a ceasefire in Gaza and divestment from Israel with thousands gathering to raise awareness of the growing death toll in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2024, the United Nations Security Council endorsed a U.S.-backed ceasefire proposal to end the war in Gaza, which included a complete ceasefire, the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza, the release of Israeli hostages in exchange for thousands of Palestinian prisoners, a surge of humanitarian aid into Gaza, and the allowance of displaced Palestinians to return to their homes in northern Gaza; and

WHEREAS, the Council condemns the widespread killing of innocent civilians by the Israeli Defense Forces in Gaza since the October 7, 2023, attack and notes that as of June 25, 2024, more than 38,129 Palestinians (civilians and combatants) have been killed, and the UN reports 20,000 children are buried, trapped, detained or lost in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, the Council opposes all violence that leads to the loss of innocent civilian lives and ongoing human suffering in Palestine; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of civilians in Gaza lack access to food, water, medicine and other basic necessities of life, with the World Health Organization reporting widespread child malnutrition, lack of potable water, and rampant levels of disease as well as imminent famine; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The City-County Council of Indianapolis and Marion County calls for and supports the immediate implementation of the U.S.-backed ceasefire plan and the withholding of all offensive weapons to Israel, in order to uphold our values as a peaceful democracy, and to send a clear message of support to the people of Indianapolis and anyone else affected by the violence overseas; and

SECTION 2. The Council does hereby call upon the United States Congress and President Biden to immediately send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza at the scale necessary to avoid humanitarian disaster and to ease suffering.

SECTION 3. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

SECTION 4. 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:

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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