

RESOLUTION REGARDING CEASEFIRE IN GAZA

WHEREAS

The people of both Palestine and Israel have experienced incredible suffering, be it through the loss of life, violence, forced displacement, or that of their loved ones;

WHEREAS

Multiple global humanitarian organizations have said that “an immediate humanitarian pause is needed to alleviate the suffering and prevent a desperate situation from becoming catastrophic” (Joint statement by UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA and UNRWA, November 2023);

WHEREAS

The Sixth Congressional District, and Virginia, our Home, is also home and sanctuary to many peoples that made the choice to come to our shores in the hopes of pursuing a better life;

WHEREAS

The United States has long been seen as being a leader in our global community, often “lead[ing] not by the example of our power, but by the power of our example”;

WHEREAS

In being such a leader, we are given responsibility such that we cannot look away from the suffering of innocents, nor may we shy away from hard and complex conversations;

WHEREAS

The needless loss of any life is an affront to all humanity, and the continuation of the status quo will lead to the continued loss of human lives, both Palestinian and Israeli;

WHEREAS

The United States of America holds both unique and immense power to create outcomes by diplomatic means;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The Roanoke City Democratic Committee proposes to the Sixth Congressional District Convention of the Democratic Party of Virginia a resolution at the District Convention urging the Biden administration and all Democrats to use every method and tool at their disposal to effect:

- An immediate and lasting ceasefire in Palestine and Israel;
- The release of hostages without delay or condition;
- A continuation and escalation of humanitarian aid to be delivered to those in need.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The Roanoke City Democratic Committee proposes that the Sixth Congressional District Convention of the Democratic Party of Virginia forward this resolution to the 2024 State Convention of the Democratic Party of Virginia for the purpose of introducing or supporting a similar resolution at the Democratic National Convention.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Manuel Dotson

APPROVED by vote of RCDC, April 18, 2024—Mark Lazar, Chair