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November 10, 2023 AKRON CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By: COUNCILMAN NEAL AND COUNCILWOMAN MOSLEY

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_-2023, Expressing sympathy for the innocent civilians victimized by the war in Israel and Palestine; condemning violence of any kind; affirming Akron's status as a welcoming community for those of the Jewish and Islamic religions and any other religion; encouraging residents to offer support and sincere condolences to members of the Jewish and Palestinian communities of Akron and all over the world; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2023, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a major resolution on the Gaza crisis on October 27, 2023. The resolution called for an "immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities" and demanded that all parties "immediately and fully comply" with obligations under international humanitarian and human rights laws, "particularly in regard to the protection of civilians and civilian objects". The resolution also urged the protection of humanitarian personnel, persons hors de combat, and humanitarian facilities and assets, and to enable and facilitate humanitarian access for essential supplies and services to reach all civilians in need in the Gaza Strip. The General Assembly also called for the "immediate and unconditional release" of all civilians being illegally held/detained or imprisoned, demanding their safety, well-being and humane treatment in compliance with international law. The resolution was passed with 120 members in favor, 14 against, and 45 abstentions; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, more than 12,000 people, more than 4,000 of which are children, have been killed because of this violence and more than 1,000,000 persons have been displaced; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Akron wish to decry any, and all, acts of violence in the Middle East and express their deepest condolences to all those affected by this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Akron is committed to encouraging and uplifting both the Akron Palestinian & Jewish communities and their communities at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Akron:

Section 1. That the City of Akron hereby expresses sympathy for the civilian victims and all those affected by the horrific violence and war.

Section 2. That the City of Akron hereby decries all horrific acts of violence committed against civilians of any kind.

Section 3. That the City of Akron hereby affirms Akron's status as a welcoming community for those of the Jewish and Islamic faith and any other religion and encourages Akron residents to offer support and condolences to members of the Palestinian and Jewish communities.

Section 4. The City of Akron urges for an immediate ceasefire and humanitarian

corridors in Gaza with immediate delivery of water, medical supplies, fuel and food.

Section 5. That the City of Akron urges all to abide by international law and to immediately end the illegal occupation of the Palestinian people and the illegal settlements on occupied land. The failure to abide by international law should cause the City of Akron to reassess its relationships with the occupying state.

Section 6. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that it is immediately necessary for this Council to express its support for victims of the war in Israel and Palestine, and provided this resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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## Akron City Council - Uniform Council Report (UCR)

### PART I – General Information

Subject of Requested Legislation:

Resolution expressing sympathy for the innocent civilians victimized by the war in Israel and Palestine.

Department/Division: Council/Elected

Requestor: Councilman Neal

Phone/Ext: 2256

If applicable, previous legislation on this subject (reference by ordinance/resolution number):

Purpose/Objective of Legislation:

Express sympathy for innocent citizens affected by the war in Israel and Palestine and condemning violence of any kind. Affirm Akron's status as a welcoming community for those of Jewish and Islamic religions and any other religion. Encourage residents to offer support and condolences.

### PART II – Financial Information

Does this Legislation directly involve the expenditure of funds?

☐ YES

☒ NO

Was this expenditure budgeted for in the current operating budget?

☐ YES

☒ NO

If "YES," describe how the budgeted amount for the project compares to the actual or estimated costs:

#### City Expenditures

Budgeted Costs	
Amount:	
Fund:	
Org:	
Acct:	

Amount:	
Fund:	
Org:	
Acct:	

Estimate of Costs	
Amount:	
Fund:	
Org:	
Acct:	

Amount:	
Fund:	
Org:	
Acct:	

#### City Receipts

City Receipt of Funds	
Amount:	
Fund:	
Org:	
Acct:	

Other Consideration	

Total expenditure (if applicable): \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total receipts (if applicable): \$\_\_\_\_\_

### PART III – DETAILED INFORMATION:

Attach detailed information/documentation, as described in UCR Instruction Sheet.

## Supporting Documentation

1: [UN News](https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/10/1142932)

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.un.org/unispal/document/4200-people-killed-over-one-million-people-displaced-in-just-10-days-ohchr-briefing/&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1699467596823395&usq=AOvVaw14F60Oql5xtFyJ8T2p5ZBt>

Source: Conversation with Bing, 11/8/2023

(1) Gaza crisis: General Assembly adopts resolution calling for ... - UN News.  
<https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/10/1142932>.

(2) UNGA calls for humanitarian truce in Israel-Gaza war: How countries ....  
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/10/27/unga-calls-for-humanitarian-truce-in-israel-amas-war-how-countries-voted>.

(3) UN General Assembly calls for 'humanitarian truce' in Gaza leading to ....  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/10/27/un-resolution-vote-israel-amas-gaza-truce/7a4a60ea-74ef-11ee-936d-7a16ee667359\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/10/27/un-resolution-vote-israel-amas-gaza-truce/7a4a60ea-74ef-11ee-936d-7a16ee667359_story.html).

(4) General Assembly Adopts Resolution Calling for Immediate, Sustained ....  
<https://press.un.org/en/2023/ga12548.doc.htm>.

**CEASEFIRE IMMEDIATELY  
ENDING ILLEGAL OCCUPATION  
REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS  
JUSTICE FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE**

### **On Current Health Crisis**

Source: World Health Organization, [Women and newborns bearing the brunt of the conflict in Gaza, UN agencies warn](#)

Key data points:

- Women and children represent 67% of all casualties.
- 420 children are killed or injured every day, some of them only a few months old.
- Over half of the population of Gaza displaced
- Inadequate water and food supplies causing hunger and malnutrition, dehydration and the spread of waterborne diseases

- Violation of Geneva convention with American made weapons

### **On Targeting Health Facilities**

Source: NPR affiliate WAMU, [Gaza's hospitals report growing threats from Israeli airstrikes](#)

Key data points:

- 18 out of 35 hospitals in Gaza are no longer operational
- At least 71% of all primary care facilities across Gaza have been shut down due to damage or lack of fuel

### **On Targeting Journalists**

Source: Committee to Protect Journalists, [Journalist casualties in the Israel-Gaza war](#)

Key data point:

- At least 34 Palestinian journalists have been killed by Israeli attacks

### **On Apartheid**

Source: B'Tselem, [A regime of Jewish supremacy from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea](#)

Key data points:

- Over 280 illegal, Jewish-only settlements in the occupied West Bank (including East Jerusalem)
- More than 600,000 Jewish settlers with separate "bypass" roads
- Separate planning system for Palestinians designed to prevent construction and development
- Jewish people living anywhere in the world entitled to immigrate to Israel and receive citizenship, even if they choose to live in the Occupied Territories.
- Palestinian refugees and their descendants denied the right to live in their homeland
- Roughly 5 million Palestinians who live in the Occupied Territories (including East Jerusalem) cannot participate in the Israeli political system that governs their lives and determines their future.