

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING A SUSTAINED  
CEASEFIRE, IN THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT; A RELEASE OF ALL  
HOSTAGES; AND IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN AID FOR THE CIVILIANS OF GAZA.**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the city Fort Bragg place a high value on all people's human right to life, free of the terror of bombing and with access to adequate food, water, shelter, and medical aid; and

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians-- no matter their faith or ethnicity-- is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, we mourn the loss of all civilian lives lost on both sides from October 7<sup>th</sup> to the present; and

**WHEREAS**, we unequivocally condemn the attacks on Israeli civilians and the taking of hostages on October 7<sup>th</sup>, we also unequivocally condemn Israel's ongoing military response that has so far resulted in the deaths of more than 29,000 people—approximately 70% of those killed having been women and children--and the mass destruction of homes, schools and medical facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, we also strongly condemn Israel's reaction of collective punishment of the people of Gaza in defiance of international law by shutting off access to electricity, drinking water, food, internet, and medical supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, international organizations like Amnesty International, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the International Rescue Committee, and many others have made a call for a ceasefire in order to prevent the further loss of life of civilians and to be in accordance with international humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 the US taxpayers gave \$3.8 billion to Israel in military aid. In 2024, so far, through the National Security package, the US has pledged \$14.5 billion in military aid to Israel. Thus, we as US taxpayers are complicit in this Humanitarian Disaster; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Fort Bragg joins other cities in calling on members of Congress and the Biden administration to demand: an immediate ceasefire; release of all hostages; the unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza and the restoration of food, water, electricity, internet, and medical supplies; respect for international law; and calls for a resolution that protects the security of all innocent civilians; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, U.S Representative Jared Huffman, State Senator Mike Mc Guire, U.S. President Joe Biden, and U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris.