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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 3061

A Resolution Calling for a Bilateral Peace Agreement in Israel and Palestine.

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, more than 32,000 people have been killed and many more wounded in the Israeli attacks on Gaza since October 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, approximately 1,200 civilians were killed in a cross-border attack on Israel by Hamas; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, the least violent days with the least lives lost and the greatest number of hostages on both sides released was during the humanitarian pause; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk without an end to the fighting, restoration of basic necessities, and delivery of adequate humanitarian aid without delay to the residents of Gaza; and

WHEREAS, further escalation of armed violence could cause wider reaching violence beyond those currently engaged in the conflict and the potential loss of life is incalculable; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2899, A Resolution Recognizing and Embracing the Diversity and Cultural Values of Our Community and Holding it Accountable, outlines the Assembly's commitment to "social justice, anti-racism and anti-discrimination measures to bring about change and healing"; and

WHEREAS, Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab speech has been on the rise across the country; and

WHEREAS, the United States government and our elected leaders hold limited diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives; and

WHEREAS, at least 48 cities, have passed resolutions calling for a ceasefire; and

43 WHEREAS, the Juneau Assembly has the ability to ask Alaska's state federal delegation
44 to call for both Israel and Hamas to negotiate an end to the conflict, the safe return of all
45 hostages, and the delivery of adequate humanitarian aid to the residents of Gaza without
46 delay in order to prevent the loss of hundreds of thousands more lives.

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48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF
49 JUNEAU, ALASKA:

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51 **Section 1.** Condemns violations of international law, including both the attack on
52 October 7, 2023, and the Israeli military response on people living in Gaza since then.

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54 **Section 2.** Calls on state and federal officials to work toward diplomatic solutions to
55 the conflict to prevent further loss of life.

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57 **Section 3.** Asks all Juneau citizens to be respectful when speaking about the conflict
58 and peace in Israel and Palestine.

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60 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its
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63 Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2024.

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Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

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