

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2024 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 2

Resolution No. 22 -2024

Introduced by: Liz Walsh

A RESOLUTION demanding an immediate cease-fire in Gaza; calling upon the Biden administration to facilitate certain humanitarian assistance into Gaza; and urging certain elected officials to take immediate action to use their position and influence to end this humanitarian crisis.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2024.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2024.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted____, Adopted with amendments____, Failed____, Withdrawn____, by the County Council
on _____, 2024.

Certified By _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their
2 faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, between October 7, 2023 and January 25, 2024, armed violence has
5 claimed the lives of over 25,000 Palestinians and over 1,400 Israelis, including Americans, and
6 wounded thousands more; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, Maryland's United States Congressmen Kweisi Mfume and Jamie Raskin,
9 and most recently Senator Chris Van Hollen, have called for an immediate cease-fire;
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11 **WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a cease-fire is not
12 achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered without further delay.
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14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
15 Maryland this _____ day of _____, 2024 that Howard County Council demands that
16 the Biden administration immediately call for and facilitate a cease-fire in Gaza; and
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18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Howard County Council calls upon the Biden
19 administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; and
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21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to United States
22 Congressmen Dutch Ruppersburger, John Sarbanes, Glenn Ivey, Steny Hoyer, David Trone,
23 Kweisi Mfume and Jamie Raskin; United States Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen; and
24 to President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, urging them to take immediate action
25 to use their position and influence to end this humanitarian crisis.
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