

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE IN
GAZA AND ISRAEL**

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, Gaza and Israel have already experienced tremendous loss of life, displacement, and violence, and hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonburg prides ourselves in being a City for All. As a refugee resettlement city, we are deeply affected by the turmoil in Gaza and Israel; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government holds immense diplomatic and appropriations powers to save Palestinian and Israeli lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Harrisonburg City Council, on behalf of our community, implores our US Congressional delegation, both in the Senate and House of Representatives, to join us in urging the Biden administration to:

- 1) Immediately call for a cease-fire to urgently end the current violence; and
- 2) Promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; and,
- 3) Negotiate the release of hostages.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Harrisonburg values the harmony that exists in our diverse community, and advocates for the dignity and safety of all residents, regardless of religion, race, or nation of origin; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Harrisonburg City Council asks the City Clerk to quickly forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and Harrisonburg's Congressional Delegation.

Adopted this 27th day of February, 2024

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK