

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-18**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Alma Castro

6 Councilor Pilar Faulkner

7 Councilor Jamie Cassutt

8 Mayor Alan Webber

9 Councilor Romero-Wirth

10 Councilor Michael Garcia

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12 **A RESOLUTION**

13 **CALLING ON THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO**
14 **ADVOCATE FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AND AN END TO VIOLENCE IN**
15 **GAZA AND ISRAEL, FOR THE SAFE AND IMMEDIATE RETURN OF ALL**
16 **INNOCENT HOSTAGES AND UNJUSTLY HELD PRISONERS, FOR THE**
17 **IMMEDIATE INCREASE AND DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO**
18 **GAZA; CONDEMNING ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING**
19 **ISLAMOPHOBIA, ANTI-SEMITISM, ANTI-PALESTINIAN, AND ANTI-ISRAELI**
20 **BIGOTRY; ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS TO SEEK, INVITE, AND PRACTICE**
21 **CIVIL DISCOURSE; EXPRESSING SORROW OVER THE LOSS OF LIVES AND**
22 **OVER THE SUFFERING ENDURED BY CIVILIANS IN GAZA AND ISRAEL; AND**
23 **EXTENDING SYMPATHIES TO SANTA FE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN**
24 **DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE ON-GOING VIOLENCE.**

1 **WHEREAS**, The City of Santa Fe stands committed to the universal truth that all human
2 life is precious, no matter a person’s faith, ethnicity, culture, ability, or political or religious
3 affiliations, and that every human being deserves to live a life of peace and dignity; and

4 **WHEREAS**, recent and ongoing armed violence against the Palestinian and Israeli people
5 has resulted in the tragic loss of life of Palestinians and Israelis and injuries to many more innocent
6 people on all sides; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Palestine and Israel both have a right to nationhood, and both peoples should
8 have all the rights and responsibilities of an independent nation, including full democratic and equal
9 rights and religious freedoms; and

10 **WHEREAS**, there are a growing number of people on all sides of this tragic conflict who
11 are calling for a ceasefire and new direction, engagement, and negotiations to lead to peace; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the United States Government holds immense diplomatic power that could
13 save Palestinian and Israeli lives; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the continued violence against the Palestinian and Israeli people and the
15 rising Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, and bigotry across the United States and the world deeply
16 impacts the people in our culturally diverse community in Santa Fe, many of whom have direct ties
17 to the Israeli and Palestinian region and peoples; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe is the City of Holy Faith and strives to uphold the pursuit of peace
19 and dignity for all people, both within our community and across the world; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body is united in protecting city of Santa Fe residents against
21 acts of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, as well as against hate crimes toward people of all faiths
22 and religions, including our Arab, Jewish, and Muslim residents; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) recognizes the importance of the First
24 Amendment and the fundamental tenets of respect, dignity, and thoughtful civil discourse that are
25 hallmarks of this community, upholding the value of our residents expressing and listening to

1 differing opinions and points of view, especially on subjects where there is disagreement; and

2 **WHEREAS**, conflict among ourselves and among our community members can either
3 exacerbate divisions or, if we are willing to engage with each other in difficult and important
4 dialogues, can open doors to opportunities to find solutions that allow us to move forward as one
5 community.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF**
7 **THE CITY OF SANTA FE** calls on the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to advocate for
8 the following actions with regard to the conflict in Gaza and Israel:

9 (1) Call urgently for an immediate ceasefire and an end to violence in the region, and the
10 safe and immediate return of all innocent hostages and unjustly held prisoners; and

11 (2) Immediately increasing and ensuring the delivery of humanitarian assistance,
12 including fuel, water, food, medical supplies, and medical personnel into Gaza to
13 alleviate the massive suffering there quickly and effectively.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Santa Fe condemns all forms of
15 discrimination, including Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, and anti-Palestinian and anti-Israeli
16 bigotry.

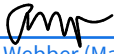
17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body, comprised of leaders of this
18 community, encourages all residents to embody the values of this City, by seeking, inviting, and
19 practicing civil discourse, especially when we disagree, to strengthen our ties as a diverse,
20 multicultural, and welcoming community.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, upon adoption, the City Clerk shall forward this
22 Resolution to the Office of the United States President and the New Mexico Congressional
23 delegation.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, on behalf of the City, the Governing Body expresses
25 its immense sorrow over the loss of innocent lives and the suffering endured by civilians in Gaza,

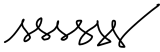
1 Israel, and the broader region, and extends deepest sympathies to Santa Fe residents who have been
2 directly impacted by the ongoing violence in any way, including the loss of loved ones.

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4 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 2024.

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7 Alan Webber (May 10, 2024 10:24 MDT)

8 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

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10 ATTEST:

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13 GERALYN F. CARDENAS, INTERIM CITY CLERK

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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 Erin McSherry (May 10, 2024 10:21 MDT)

18 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/2024/Resolutions/2024-19 (R)/ Ceasefire in Gaza*