

Whereas, the ongoing conflict in Gaza has resulted in significant loss of life, widespread destruction of infrastructure, and immense suffering for Palestinian civilians; and

Whereas, the tragic loss of Israeli lives on October 7, 2023, was the deadliest attack against Jewish people since the Holocaust; and

Whereas, the principles of human rights, international law, and humanitarianism dictate an urgent need for a ceasefire to allow for the delivery of humanitarian aid, the protection of civilian lives, and the pursuit of a peaceful resolution to the conflict; and

Whereas, Islamophobia and Antisemitism are rising in America, including numerous incidents on college campuses across the nation that threaten the well-being and safety of Muslim and Jewish students, resulting in the murder of a 6-year-old Palestinian-American Muslim child and the attempted murder of his mother in Illinois, the shooting of two Palestinian-American students and their Palestinian friend in Vermont and in bomb threats against Jewish institutions; and

Whereas, the Gwinnett County Young Democrats affirm the values of justice, equality, and compassion for all people, regardless of nationality, religion, or ethnicity; and

Whereas, it is incumbent upon us as responsible global citizens to advocate for actions that alleviate the suffering of innocent civilians and promote dialogue and understanding among conflicting parties; and

Whereas, the United Nations and various humanitarian organizations have called for an immediate ceasefire to prevent further loss of life and address the humanitarian crisis in Gaza;

Be it hereby resolved by the Gwinnett County Young Democrats:

1. We unequivocally call for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza, to be observed by all parties involved in the conflict.
2. We urge the United States government to use its diplomatic influence to actively support efforts to broker a ceasefire agreement that prioritizes the protection of civilian lives and ensures access to humanitarian aid for the people of Gaza.
3. We call upon the international community to provide humanitarian assistance to address the urgent needs of civilians affected by the conflict, including medical care, food, shelter, and psychosocial support.
4. We stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine and Israel, who are suffering from the violence and hostilities.
5. We express our solidarity with the people of Gaza and affirm our commitment to advocating for a just and lasting peace that respects the rights and dignity of all individuals in the region.

6. We pledge to raise awareness about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and to mobilize support for initiatives that promote dialogue, reconciliation, and the peaceful resolution of conflicts in the Middle East.

7. We encourage other local, state, and national Democratic organizations to join us in endorsing this resolution and amplifying our collective call for a humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza.

8. We support President Biden's efforts to seek a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to elected officials representing Gwinnett County, as well as relevant governmental bodies, international organizations, and media outlets, to ensure widespread awareness of our position and advocacy efforts.

Adopted by the Gwinnett County Young Democrats on [02/12/2024].