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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO INCREASE ONGOING HUMANITARIAN AID TO PALESTINE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME.

1 WHEREAS, innocent men, women, and children in Palestine  
2 continue to face dire humanitarian conditions, including mass  
3 displacement, loss of livelihoods, and limited access to  
4 necessities such as food, clean water, and health care services;  
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7 WHEREAS, Palestinian refugees are faced with escalating  
8 conflicts and crises in the region, resulting in nearly thirty  
9 thousand deaths and 1,900,000 people displaced from their homes;  
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12 WHEREAS, the United Nations International Children's  
13 Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established on December 11, 1946,  
14 and renamed in 1950 as the United Nations Children's Fund, to  
15 provide humanitarian and developmental aid to children  
16 worldwide; and

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18 WHEREAS, UNICEF delivers gender-responsive Water,  
19 Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) interventions to affected  
20 populations in the Gaza Strip and responds to the urgent  
21 humanitarian needs in the West Bank; and

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23 WHEREAS, the World Food Programme is the world's largest  
24 humanitarian organization, saving lives in emergencies and using  
25 food assistance to build a pathway to peace, stability, and  
26 prosperity for people recovering from conflict, disasters, and  
27 the impacts of climate change; and

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29 WHEREAS, the World Food Programme also supports people in  
30 need in Gaza and the West Bank, granting cash transfers to  
31 hundreds of thousands of Palestinians and distributing thousands  
32 of metric tons of food commodities to Palestine each year; and



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2 WHEREAS, both of these agencies rely on voluntary  
3 contributions from governments, non-profit organizations,  
4 corporations, and other private donors to assist communities in  
5 need; and  
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7 WHEREAS, in 2024, UNICEF requires \$263,300,000 for  
8 humanitarian action in Palestine, including \$74,400,000 for cash  
9 transfers, \$62,200,000 for WASH interventions, and \$62,900,000  
10 for health and nutrition interventions; and  
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12 WHEREAS, according to the World Food Programme's Palestine  
13 Country Brief, it required \$225,000,000 in 2023 to maintain  
14 their humanitarian interventions, and given that conflict has  
15 heightened in Palestine within the last few months, the funding  
16 required for 2024 is surely larger; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the President of the United States has expressed  
19 his commitment to promoting human rights and addressing  
20 humanitarian crises worldwide; and  
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22 WHEREAS, because of the intensified conflict, violence,  
23 restricted trade, and unemployment facing Palestinians  
24 currently, UNICEF and the World Food Programme urgently need  
25 funding to support men, women, and most significantly, children  
26 in need in Gaza and the West Bank; now, therefore,  
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
30 Session of 2024, that the President of the United States is  
31 urged to increase ongoing humanitarian aid to Palestine through  
32 the United Nations Children's Fund and World Food Programme; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
36 United States Secretary of State, Administrator of the United  
37 States Agency for International Development, and members of  
38 Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

