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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE, PERMANENT BILATERAL CEASEFIRE IN GAZA AND THE RETURN OF ALL HOSTAGES, AND TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS FOR LASTING PEACE IN THE REGION.

1           WHEREAS, all human life is precious, and the targeting of  
2 non-combatants in a conflict zone is in violation of rule 1 of  
3 customary international humanitarian law; and  
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5           WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas, which is recognized by  
6 the United States as a terrorist organization, entered Israel,  
7 killed 1,162 innocent people, and took 240 innocent people  
8 hostage, of which 134 remain in Hamas' custody; and  
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10           WHEREAS, between October 7 and April 4, 2024, armed  
11 violence has claimed the lives of more than thirteen thousand  
12 Palestinians and wounded tens of thousands more, the majority of  
13 which are civilians; and  
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15           WHEREAS, on January 26, 2024, the International Court of  
16 Justices, the world's highest court, declared that Palestinians  
17 in Gaza were facing a plausible genocide; and  
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19           WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent  
20 risk if a permanent ceasefire is not reached and humanitarian  
21 aid is not delivered without delay; and  
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23           WHEREAS, roughly half of the Palestinians killed or wounded  
24 during the violence in Gaza are children, despite international  
25 humanitarian law requiring that all parties to an armed conflict  
26 protect children and prevent the commission of grave violations  
27 against them, including killing and maiming, attacks on schools



1 and hospitals, recruitment and use of children, abduction of  
2 children, and denial of humanitarian access; and  
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4 WHEREAS, these children and their families face further  
5 imminent threats, including famine, due to a lack of food,  
6 water, fuel, medicine, and other humanitarian assistance that  
7 reach them; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the dismantling of Hamas should not be achieved at  
10 the expense of innocent lives; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the United States federal government holds immense  
13 diplomatic and economic power to save both Palestinian and  
14 Israeli lives; and  
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16 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, "Aloha" is more than a word of greeting  
17 or farewell or a salutation; it is the essence of relationships  
18 in which each person is important to every other person for  
19 collective existence; now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the  
23 House of Representatives concurring, that members of Hawaii's  
24 Congressional delegation and the Biden Administration are urged  
25 to publicly call for an immediate, permanent bilateral ceasefire  
26 in Gaza and the return of all hostages; facilitate the de-  
27 escalation of hostilities to end the current violence; promptly  
28 send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into  
29 Gaza, including fuel, food, water, and medical supplies; and  
30 continue negotiations for lasting peace in the region; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of Hawaii's  
33 Congressional delegation are urged to insist that the Biden  
34 Administration call for an immediate, permanent bilateral  
35 ceasefire in Gaza, facilitate the de-escalation of hostilities  
36 to end the current violence, return all hostages, promptly send  
37 and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza,  
38 including fuel, food, water, and medical supplies, and begin  
39 negotiations for lasting peace in the region; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the



- 1 United States, Majority and Minority Leader of the United States
- 2 Senate and House of Representatives, members of Hawaii's
- 3 Congressional delegation, and Governor.

