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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND MEMBERS OF  
HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT AN IMMEDIATE  
AND PERMANENT CEASEFIRE IN GAZA.

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 January 26, 2024, the world's highest court,  
6 the International Court of Justices declared that Palestinians  
7 in Gaza were facing a plausible genocide; and

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9           WHEREAS, between October 7 and December 2, 2023, armed  
10 violence has claimed the lives of more than thirteen thousand  
11 Palestinians and some one thousand two hundred Israelis, and  
12 wounded tens of thousands more, the vast majority of which were  
13 civilians; and

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15           WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent  
16 risk if a permanent ceasefire is not reached and humanitarian  
17 aid is not delivered without delay; and

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19           WHEREAS, roughly half of the Palestinians killed or wounded  
20 during the violence in Gaza are children despite international  
21 humanitarian law requiring that all parties to an armed conflict  
22 protect children and prevent the commission of grave violations  
23 against them, including killing and maiming, attacks on schools  
24 and hospitals, recruitment and use of children, abduction of  
25 children, and denial of humanitarian access; and

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27           WHEREAS, these children and their families face further  
28 imminent threats, including famine due to Israeli government  
29 restrictions on food, water, fuel, medicine, and other  
30 humanitarian assistance that reach them; and

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1           WHEREAS, the dismantling of Hamas, a United States  
2 Government declared terrorist organization, cannot and should  
3 not be achieved at the expense of innocent lives; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the United States federal government holds immense  
6 diplomatic and economic power to save both Palestinian and  
7 Israeli lives; now, therefore,  
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9           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
11 that the President of the United States and members of Hawaii's  
12 congressional delegation are urged to publicly call for an  
13 immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and continue  
14 negotiations for lasting peace; and  
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16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of Hawaii's  
17 congressional delegation are urged to insist that the Biden  
18 Administration call for an immediate, permanent ceasefire in  
19 Gaza, to facilitate the de-escalation of hostilities to end the  
20 current violence, promptly send and facilitate the entry of  
21 humanitarian assistance into Gaza, including fuel, food, water,  
22 and medical supplies, and begin negotiations for lasting peace;  
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25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
26 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
27 Majority and Minority Leader of the United States Senate and  
28 House of Representatives, members of Hawaii's congressional  
29 delegation, Chairs of the Democratic National Committee and  
30 Republican National Committee, and Governor.

