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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT
THE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY UNITED
STATES CONGRESSWOMAN CORI BUSH.

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, between October 7 and December 2, 2023, armed
6 violence has claimed the lives of more than thirteen thousand
7 Palestinians and some one thousand two hundred Israelis, and
8 wounded tens of thousands more, the vast majority of which are
9 civilians; and
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11 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent
12 risk if a permanent ceasefire is not reached and humanitarian
13 aid is not delivered without delay; and
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15 WHEREAS, roughly half of the Palestinians killed or wounded
16 during the violence in Gaza are children despite international
17 humanitarian law requiring that all parties to an armed conflict
18 protect children and prevent the commission of grave violations
19 against them, including killing and maiming, attacks on schools
20 and hospitals, recruitment and use of children, abduction of
21 children, and denial of humanitarian access; and
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23 WHEREAS, these children and their families face further
24 imminent threats due to Israeli government restrictions on food,
25 water, fuel, and other humanitarian assistance that reach them;
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28 WHEREAS, the dismantling of Hamas, a recognized terrorist
29 organization, cannot and should not be achieved at the expense
30 of innocent lives; and
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32 WHEREAS, the United States federal government holds immense
33 diplomatic power to save both Palestinian and Israeli lives;
34 now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
 3 that members of Hawaii's congressional delegation are urged to
 4 support the Ceasefire Now Resolution introduced by United States
 5 Congresswoman Cori Bush; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of Hawaii's
 8 congressional delegation are urged to insist that the Biden
 9 Administration call for an immediate, permanent ceasefire in
 10 Gaza, to facilitate the de-escalation of hostilities to end the
 11 current violence, promptly send and facilitate the entry of
 12 humanitarian assistance into Gaza, including fuel, food, water,
 13 and medical supplies, and begin negotiations for lasting peace;
 14 and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
 18 Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives,
 19 members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, and Chair of the
 20 Democratic National Committee.

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