

**CITY OF HYATTSVILLE  
RESOLUTION No. 2025-03**

**A Resolution of the City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland, whereby the City affirms its commitment to human rights and support for congressional and worldwide calls for a ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon, and absent an immediate ceasefire, calls for the ending all military aid and arms sales from the United States to Isreal.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hyattsville is committed to the principle that all people are of equal value and deserving of the same rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hyattsville advocates for the safety, dignity, freedom, and equality of all people of all faiths and beliefs, races, ethnicities, and nationalities; and

**WHEREAS**, we as local leaders stand firmly against the rise of Antisemitic and Islamophobic attacks in Maryland and across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hyattsville recognizes that the United States has a shameful history of racialized violence, white supremacy, and segregation, and we have come too far as a nation to blindly support the State of Israel which treats Palestinians as an inferior class and denies their full human rights as citizens in the land of their birth and ancestry; and

**WHEREAS**, since October 7th, 2023, over 1,200 Israelis, 2,300 Lebanese, and more than 42,000 Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank have been killed, over 17,000 of whom are children, and nearly all of whom are civilians; and

**WHEREAS**, Gaza is in a dire humanitarian crisis that is worsening with each passing day, with a lack of medical aid, food, clean water, and shelter, and almost two million Palestinians are displaced, homeless, and/or starving; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization, United Nations, Save the Children, Human Rights Watch, the US Agency for International Development, the International Rescue Committee, His Holiness Pope Francis, more than 120 countries, and countless other organizations in Maryland, across the United States of America and around the world have called for a permanent ceasefire to end the violence and suffering in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and Lebanon, and for Israel to comply with international humanitarian laws; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the deafening calls for an immediate ceasefire, and despite the United States official policy supporting a ceasefire, Israel continues to escalate the conflict, which has now grown into a regional war with multiple fronts; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States, through military aid and arms sales, provides Israel with roughly 69% of its total weaponry, and, as such, we have a moral imperative to help end the human suffering in Gaza and Lebanon by initiating an arms embargo until a ceasefire is reached; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hyattsville is committed to ensuring that residents of all backgrounds, including those from Arab, Jewish, Muslim, and Palestinian backgrounds are affirmed of their worth; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hyattsville joins other cities, towns, and counties across Maryland and the nation in calling on our elected leaders to demand: an immediate and permanent ceasefire, or, in the absence of a ceasefire, a U.S.-Israel arms embargo; release of all hostages and political prisoners; the unrestricted and safeguarded entry of humanitarian assistance; the restoration of food, water, electricity, and medical supplies to Gaza; the removal of all settlers from the Occupied Palestinian Territory; the formulation of government that supports human rights and equality for all and allows all citizens of Israel and historic Palestine voting rights to elect leaders and exercise self-determination; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution will be sent to municipal elected leaders in Prince George's County, the offices of County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, County Council Chair Jolene Ivey, District 2 County Councilmember Wanika Fisher, At-Large County Council Member Calvin Hawkins, State Senator Alonzo Washington, State Senator Malcolm Augustine, State Delegate Anne Healey, State Delegate Ashanti Martinez, State Delegate Nicole Williams, State Delegate Diana Fennell, State Delegate Julian Ivey, State Delegate Deni Taveras, Governor of Maryland Wes Moore, U.S. Representative Glenn Ivey, U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, and U.S. President Joe Biden, urging them to take immediate action to use their positions and influence to act on the goals of this resolution to end violence and promote democracy and human rights.

**INTRODUCED** by the Mayor and City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a Regular Meeting on November 4, 2024, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a Regular Meeting on November 4, 2024, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

Read and passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Attest/Witness:

City of Hyattsville, Maryland

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Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nate Groenendyk  
City Clerk, City of Hyattsville

Approved:

City of Hyattsville, Maryland

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Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Croslin  
Mayor, City of Hyattsville