RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, All human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

WHEREAS, Between October 7 and November 1, 2023, armed violence has claimed the lives of over 8,000 Palestinians and over 1,400 Israelis, including Americans, and wounded thousands more; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if de-escalation is not achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and

WHEREAS, Violence is never the answer, and the United States government holds immense diplomatic power to reduce the ongoing violence and save Israeli and Palestinian lives; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the City of Chicago, do hereby call upon President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. to call for and facilitate a lasting peace in the Middle East starting with a de-escalation to end the ongoing violence and to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into the impacted region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent to President Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and the Illinois Congressional delegation.

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