

## RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_

### A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PEACE AND AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE

**Whereas**, the Vision of the City of Salem is a safe, livable, and sustainable capital city, with a thriving economy and a vibrant community that is welcoming to all; and

**Whereas**, we stand for peace in our homes, our community, and our world; and

**Whereas**, the City of Salem holds as key values compassion, equity, accessibility, and inclusivity and is committed to promoting peace, unity, and respect for all its residents; and

**Whereas**, the ongoing atrocity in Gaza has resulted in immense human suffering and loss of life; and

**Whereas**, the conflict has continued for over seven months, has cost thousands of lives, has caused widespread dislocation and destruction and brought untold suffering to entire populations; and

**Whereas**, we recognize and stand in solidarity with our Muslim and Jewish communities across the globe calling for peace, reaffirming our commitment to human safety, security, and well-being; and

**Whereas**, we share dire concerns about the atrocities in Gaza and with untold number of civilian deaths; and

**Whereas**, we support compliance with international law and the protection of civilian lives and the immediate access of humanitarian aid to reduce the widespread human suffering; and

**Whereas**, we condemn attacks on all civilians and acts of terrorism, by both Israelis and Palestinians; and

**Whereas**, we acknowledge the urgency of the situation and the need for immediate action.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON,  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The City of Salem, Oregon calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, an end to the hostilities, the free flow of humanitarian aid and the release of all civilian hostages; and

**Section 2.** The City Council asks the Biden-Harris administration and all members of and Oregon's Federal Delegation to use the platform provided by their office to end the conflict and facilitate an immediate and long-term peace; and

**Section 3.** This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_