

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2024-XXX
TITLE OF RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, the Northfield City Council condemns all forms of antisemitism, Islamophobia, racism, and bigotry in Northfield, we welcome people from all backgrounds and beliefs in our city, and advocate for the dignity and safety of all people; and
- WHEREAS, we oppose all violence that leads to the loss of innocent civilian lives and ongoing human suffering in both Israel and Palestine; and
- WHEREAS, as of April 10th, the United Nations reports over 33,200 Palestinians and over 1,200 Israelis have been killed in Gaza with over 81,000 people injured, over 70,000 homes destroyed, and 1.7 million people displaced [1]; and
- WHEREAS, the United States provides billions of dollars in military aid to the Israeli government which thereby ties tax dollars from Northfield residents to that aid; and
- WHEREAS, more than one hundred US City Councils have passed similar resolutions [2] in a grassroots effort to call on Federally elected officials to act in their duly elected roles related to foreign affairs to bring about a ceasefire in Gaza,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City of Northfield City Council hereby urges our national leaders to work urgently and diligently toward:

1. A cessation of hostilities directed to innocent civilians, especially children;
2. A lasting, bilateral ceasefire in Gaza to allow humanitarian aid to the civilian population;
3. Significant financial support for said humanitarian aid;
4. The immediate release of all hostages.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution, duly adopted, to the elected Federal representatives serving Northfield, and to the President of the United States.

[1] *United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - occupied Palestinian territory | Home Page*, <https://www.ochaopt.org/>. Accessed 10 April 2024.

[2] Nichols, John. "100 American Communities Have Called for a Gaza Cease-Fire." *The Nation*, 21 March 2024, <https://www.thenation.com/article/activism/at-least-100-american-communities-have-called-for-a-gaza-cease-fire/>. Accessed 10 April 2024.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 16th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ___ POWNELL ___ HOLMES ___ NESS ___ PETERSON WHITE
 ___ REISTER ___ SOKUP ___ ZUCCOLOTTO