

## **Resolution 24-**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY CALLING FOR A CEASE-FIRE AMID THE ONGOING ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR IN GAZA**

**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 December 31, 2023, armed violence has claimed the lives of over 20,000, with more than 40% being children, and wounded thousands more; and

**WHEREAS**, the proportion of Gazans who are now internally displaced persons, living in shelters after the destruction of their homes and communities, is estimated at more than 1.9 million people;

**WHEREAS**, a humanitarian pause was not sufficient to improve access to clean drinking water in Northern Gaza, even as humanitarian convoys were finally able to access the area, because of the lasting damage and destruction and fuel shortages,

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk due to acute violence, infectious diseases, and dehydration if a ceasefire is not achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone in public office has the responsibility to use the platform provided by their office to advocate for measures that will result in the least amount of death and violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government holds immense diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. urges the Biden administration to continue working to facilitate the de-escalation and an immediate, permanent, ceasefire to urgently end the current violence; and

Section 2. calls upon the Biden administration to ensure the provision of humanitarian aid, and enable reliable access to clean] water, electricity and other human necessities for people in Israel and Gaza.

Section 3. that upon passage, a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Office of U.S. President Joe Biden, the Office of U.S. Representative Kat Cammack, the Office of U.S. Senator Rick Scott, and the Office of U.S. Senator Marco Rubio.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2024.

Board of County Commissioners  
of Alachua County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary C. Alford, Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. Irby, Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Alachua County Attorney