

TEMPLATE RESOLUTION

[insert union local here] CALLS FOR A CEASEFIRE IN GAZA

WHEREAS, as people of conscience we mourn the loss of life everywhere, regardless of nationality;

WHEREAS, as union members we recognize that every human being deserves to live a life of peace and dignity, regardless of where they live and where they work;

WHEREAS, U.S. organized labor plays an important role in the movement for peace and justice at home and around the world;

WHEREAS, the Gaza Strip is home to millions of displaced people, half of whom are under 18 years old;

WHEREAS, the ongoing collective punishment of these civilians - by means of constant bombing, the shutting off of water and electricity, and the denial of food and medical aid - constitutes a war crime under the Geneva Convention;

WHEREAS, as American taxpayers, we provide nearly \$4 billion a year in military aid to the state of Israel, which is carrying out these war crimes against the civilians of the Gaza Strip;

WHEREAS, we believe it is imperative that U.S. policymakers take measures to immediately de-escalate the violence to prevent the further loss of civilian life;

AND WHEREAS, a growing number of international and local unions are demanding an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, [insert union local here] calls on our state's Congressional delegation to support House Resolution 786, introduced by US Rep. Cori Bush, calling for an immediate de-escalation and ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine.