

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SIXTIETH SESSION**



BILL NO. 60-30

INTRODUCED BY: Saed (ACS)

SECONDED BY: Amir (MSA)

A BILL TO: Advocate for ASMSU and MSU to Address the Ongoing Palestinian Crisis and Support Palestinian Students and all Impacted Students

CONTRIBUTORS: Students United for Palestine Rights (SUPR), Yemeni Student Association (YSA), Egyptian Student Association (ESA), Students Organize for Syria (SOS), March For Our Lives MSU (MFOL)

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, The Associated Students of Michigan State University and Michigan State University acknowledge the stolen ancestral land of the Anishnaabe Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples this university resides on and address the awful genocide committed against Native Americans during the mass movement of Europeans, resulting in the colonization of America; and,

WHEREAS, In previous years, the University has released statements and addressed different political conflicts of oppression; and,

WHEREAS, The systemic brutalization and torture that the Palestinian people have endured daily since 1948¹ is left without representation and acknowledgment of their ongoing oppression, disregarding the innocent lives lost; and,

WHEREAS, There is not adequate media coverage on violence Palestine endures and any opportunity is shut down, minimized, or portrays false narratives; and,

WHEREAS, Under International Law, the Palestinian people have the right to defend against colonialism and apartheid experienced in the two separate “established territories,” Gaza and the West Bank, that divide Palestine in which Israel still has control over; and,

WHEREAS, Israel controls all economic aspects of Palestinian welfare² alongside travel restrictions placed on Palestinians within and outside of the West Bank, creating a caste system using

¹ <https://www.un.org/unispal/about-the-nakba/>

² <https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/israels-practices-against-palestinian-economy-exacerbating-dire-living-conditions-occupied-territory-syrian-golan-senior-official-tells-second-committee>

identification cards to heavily limit Palestinians and their movement and strip them of many of their basic human rights; and,

WHEREAS, Gaza has historically and contemporarily suffered blockages of the Palestinian people from the rest of the world, and stripping them of basic necessities and human rights while demonstrating the total control they have over Gaza³; and,

WHEREAS, Israel has violated 28 resolutions⁴ of the United Nations Security Council (which are legally binding on member-nations U.N. Charter, Article 25 (1945); a few sample resolutions - 54, 111, 233, 234, 236, 248, 250, 252, 256, 262, 267, 270, 280, 285, 298, 313, 316, 468, 476, etc; and,

WHEREAS, The effect of Israel's state-sanctioned violence is not only limited to Palestinian students, but all those that support Palestinian resistance since they face retaliation and educational, professional, and personal threats from organization such as, but not limited to, the Canary Mission⁵; and,

WHEREAS, The Jewish people are not responsible for the actions of the Israeli government and the Palestinian fight is not defined by Hamas' actions, rather the Palestinian fight is rooted in fighting against colonization and oppression for all within the region; and,

WHEREAS, Violence from the Israeli government and Hamas should never be condoned and all civilian casualties should be condemned, however the ongoing war is not unprovoked and stems from centuries of oppression and violence under the Israeli regime; and,

WHEREAS, The oppression and war crimes committed against Palestinians and Arab residing in Israel, especially those in Gaza, has driven them to engage in this mass movement of decolonization; and,

³ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-67051292>
<https://www.hrw.org/news/2023/10/11/gaza-sealed-palestinians-face-aid-freezes-too>
<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/gaza-cut-off-from-food-water-and-fuel-as-israels-punishing-bombardment-continues>

⁴ http://itisapartheid.org/Documents_pdf_etc/IsraelViolationsInternationalLaw.pdf
<https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/06/04/israel-50-years-occupation-abuses>

⁵ <https://againstcanarymission.org/what-is-canary-mission/>
<https://canarymission.org/about>

WHEREAS, Israel's political Zionism is a Jewish nationalist movement⁶ that has the goal to create and support a Jewish national state in Occupied Palestine⁷, the ancient homeland of the Jews⁸; and,

WHEREAS, Condemning Israeli nationalism is not condemning the Jewish right to a safe homeland; rather, it is merely a movement against the British colonial project that established Israel, the continuance of that project, and the mass murder of many innocent lives regardless of their religion, race, age, gender, etc; and,

WHEREAS, Based on this definition on Zionism, a decade long colonial project of the Palestinian people and Palestinian land was launched; and,

WHEREAS, Palestinian students have consistently and continue to feel unheard and unrecognized by ASMSU and the University for disregarding the ongoing crisis, despite standing policy to advocate for Palestinian students; therefore be it; and,

RESOLVED, This bill condemns any behavior that would invalidate and endanger those who may be grieving due to recent events that have transpired, including those of Jewish and/or Israeli origin; and,

RESOLVED, ASMSU will call upon Michigan State University to release a statement in collaboration with the bill writers regarding the consequences of misinformation and misrepresentation-- including the separation of Palestine/Palestinians and Hamas--to ensure that the human rights violations of Palestinian people are acknowledged, while acknowledging the innocent lives lost of both Israelis and Palestinians; and,

RESOLVED, ASMSU will call upon Michigan State University to equitably support marginalized Palestinian, Arab, and allied students while condemning all civilian lives lost in this conflict and recognizing the Palestinian struggle; and,

RESOLVED, ASMSU will advocate that MSU organizes and facilitates educational and/or informational sessions about the current violence in Palestine and Israel, therefore providing trustworthy information to the MSU community about the ongoing Palestinian genocide and creating a space in which the student body can learn and mutually support one another; and,

⁶ <https://www.britannica.com/topic/nationalism>

⁷ <https://www.britannica.com/place/Palestine>

⁸ <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Jew-people>

RESOLVED, ASMSU will release a statement in collaboration with affected student groups including the bill introducers, seconders, and contributors condemning islamophobia, antisemitism, and overall acts and/or words of hate while providing campus resources for the spartan community including but not limited to mental health and educational/informational resources; and,

RESOLVED, ASMSU will support Palestinian, Arab, Jewish, and allied people according to this bill.

INTRODUCED ON _____

REFERRED TO _____ **COMMITTEE ON** _____

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN _____ **DATE** _____

COMMITTEE ACTION _____
PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN _____
PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE

PRESIDENT: Emily Hoyumpa

VPIA: Connor Le