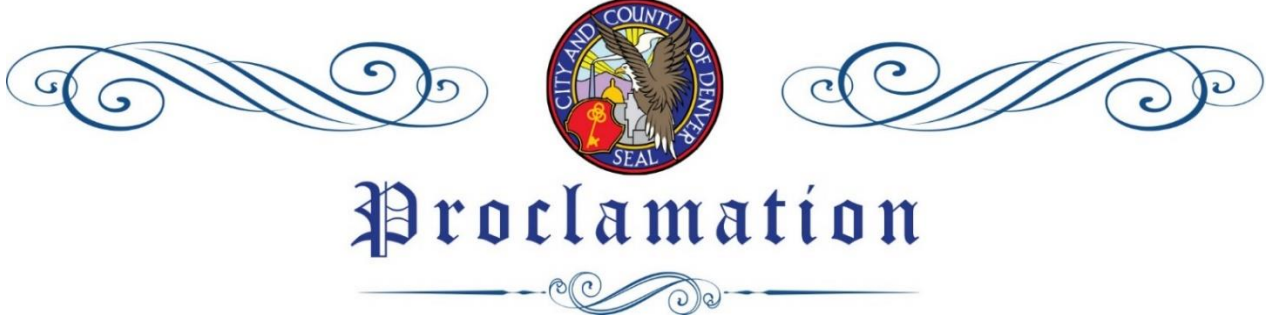


DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 24-0006 A Proclamation Calling for a Ceasefire in Palestine and Israel

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City and County of Denver recognizes that all lives are precious and that Palestinian lives and Israeli lives have the same value and the same protection under international law; and

WHEREAS, on October 7th, 2023, at least 1,139 people in Israel including 36 children were killed, at least 253 people including at least 35 children were taken hostage of whom up to 104 remain hostages to this day, and at least 4,800 people were injured, and since October 7th, 2023, over 28,000 Palestinian people including over 12,000 children have been killed—one child every 15 minutes—over 8,000 Palestinian people are missing and presumed dead, over 70,000 Palestinian people have been injured, and some 19,000 Palestinians children have lost parents or caregivers; and

WHEREAS, 60% of housing units, 64% of hospitals, and 70% of civilian infrastructure in Gaza have been destroyed and 1.2 million children in Gaza are now at risk of experiencing starvation; and

WHEREAS, many members of our Denver community have family and friends who live in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank, and have deep connections in the region, including many who have lost loved ones there; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is the world's leading voice for the survival and rights of children and has made the following calls to action.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver calls for “an immediate and long-lasting humanitarian ceasefire” in Palestine and Israel.

Section 2. That the Council of the City and County of Denver calls for “[s]afe and unrestricted humanitarian access to and within the Gaza Strip to reach affected populations wherever they are.”

Section 3. That the Council of the City and County of Denver calls for “[t]he immediate, safe and unconditional release of all abducted [people], and an end to any grave violations against all [people], including killing and maiming of children.”

Section 4. That the Council of the City and County of Denver calls for “[r]espect and protection for civilian infrastructure such as shelters and schools, and health, electric, water, sanitation and telecommunications facilities, to prevent loss of civilian and children's lives, outbreaks of diseases, and to provide care to the sick and wounded, and for “[a]ll parties to the conflict [to] respect international humanitarian law.”

Section 5. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to the offices of U.S. Representative Diana DeGette, U.S. Representative Joe Neguse, U. S. Representative Lauren Boebert, U.S. Representative Ken Buck, U.S. Representative Doug Lamborn, U.S. Representative Jason Crow, U.S. Representative Brittany Pettersen, U.S. Representative Yadira Caraveo, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper, U.S. President Joe Biden, and U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, urging them to take immediate action to accomplish these goals.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL February 12, 2024

PRESIDENT

