

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING UNWAVERING SUPPORT AND SYMPATHY FOR THE INNOCENT CIVILIANS EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE BEING MUSLIM, JEWISH, AND CHRISTIAN AND CONDEMNING ALL VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND;
AFFIRMING WICKLIFFE'S STATUS AS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY FOR ANY RELIGION;
ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO DECRY ANY AND ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE BOTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND AROUND THE GLOBE, AND EXPRESS THEIR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE ATROCITIES OF THE WAR ON GAZA**

WHEREAS, Chapter 1 of the United Nations Charter states that the purpose of the United Nations is "to maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the preservation and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace"; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1 of the United Nations Charter further states that the purpose of the United Nations is "to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace"; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly shall act if the Security Council, "because of lack of unanimity of the permanent members, fails to exercise its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security in any case where there appears to be a threat to the peace, breach of the peace or act of aggression"; and

WHEREAS, the UN General Assembly convened on December 12, 2023 for an emergency meeting in which 153 out of 186 member nations voted in favor of adopting a resolution demanding "immediate humanitarian ceasefire" in Gaza, the "immediate and unconditional release of all hostages," and "ensuring humanitarian access"; and

WHEREAS, more than 30,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza in over 140 days since October 7, 2023, including over 10,000 children, and more than 72,000 Palestinians have been injured in the same period; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023 over 1,200 Israelis have been killed and 240 Israeli hostages were taken; and

WHEREAS, more than 85% of the population in Gaza, nearly 1.9 million people, have been displaced since Israel bombardments began on October 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, entire neighborhoods, infrastructure, hospitals, schools, and places of worship have been destroyed contributing to the erasure of Palestinian communities and culture; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 cities across the United States, including Toledo, Ohio; Akron, Ohio; Chicago, Illinois; San Francisco, California; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Seattle, Washington; St. Louis, Missouri; Detroit, Michigan; Atlanta, Georgia; Wilmington, Delaware; Providence, Rhode Island; and Richmond, California have passed resolutions calling for ceasefire; and

WHEREAS, a lasting ceasefire is critical to the release of all hostages and building a foundation for a lasting peace.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE,
COUNTY OF LAKE, AND STATE OF OHIO:**

SECTION 1. That this Council of the City of Wickliffe (the "Council") do hereby call for a permanent ceasefire to end the ongoing violence in Gaza; a call for immediate humanitarian assistance including medicine, food, and water to be sent into the impacted region and that all Israelis and Palestinians abide by international law.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of the resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

FAILED

Passed: April 8th, 2024

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for approval on _____, 2024

First reading March 11, 2024

Second reading March 25th 2024

Third reading April 8th, 2024

Council President – Presiding Officer

Approved: _____, 2024

Mayor

~~Passed~~ Failed

Yes 1 No 6

RESOLUTION FAILED

I, Sandra J. Fink, Clerk of Council of Wickliffe, Ohio, hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 2024-03 enacted by Council at its regular meeting on April 8, 2024.
DENIED
Sandra J. Fink, Clerk of Council