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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the United Nations universal declaration of human rights and urging the responsible and moral oversight of and accountability for military equipment used by international allies especially in Gaza.

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COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This resolution recognizes the United Nations universal declaration of human rights and urges the responsible and moral oversight of and accountability for military equipment used by international allies, especially in Gaza.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

A RESOLUTION recognizing the United Nations universal declaration of human rights and urging the responsible and moral oversight of and accountability for military equipment used by international allies especially in Gaza.

1 Whereas, many members of our New Hampshire community originate in or have families who
2 lived in or currently live in Israel-Palestine, have relatives or friends engaged in peace, coexistence,
3 and shared society work in Israel-Palestine through nongovernmental organizations or business
4 ventures, and feel personally responsible to prevent avoidable death and suffering when it is within
5 our power individually or through political action toward our local and national governments;

6 Whereas, the state of New Hampshire house of representatives, a state authority subject to the
7 constitution of the state of New Hampshire, and the United States of America, and answering to the
8 conscience of its constituents, recognizes that international conventions among nations exist, and
9 convene, to opine on and facilitate shared national agreement on fundamental issues of human
10 rights, such as the United Nations General Assembly, the International Court, and the Geneva
11 Convention;

12 Whereas, the state of New Hampshire house of representatives recognizes that the inherent
13 dignity of, and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation
14 of freedom, justice and peace in the world, and that the United Nations General Assembly has
15 codified such principles as a standard of achievement in Paris on December 10, 1948 as the United
16 Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

17 Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas attacked a festival, killing 260 participants, precipitating a
18 wave of further violent attacks claiming 1,139 Israeli lives, desecration of remains, and the taking of
19 some 230 hostages;

20 Whereas, the Israeli military's responding campaign of bombardment, siege and invasion in
21 Gaza has resulted in the displacement of more than 85% of Gaza's 2,200,000 inhabitants, destroyed
22 more than 70% of Gaza's homes, severely damaged nearly every healthcare facility in Gaza, and has
23 killed at least 34,000 Palestinians, 70 percent of whom are women and children;

24 Whereas, in the face of such mass atrocities, public outrage, fear and sustained trauma may
25 drive such systems as are meant to govern collective behaviors beyond proportional response and
26 into inescapable cycles of violence between such parties;

27 Whereas, military actions rendering Gaza uninhabitable likely amount to "collective
28 punishment" under Article 33 of the 4th Geneva Convention, and the International Court, comprised
29 of all but 6 nations, of which the United States and Israel are 2, having ordered Israel to take
30 greater steps to preserve civilian lives, has been met with public defiance by Israel's leaders;

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1 Whereas, through their federal tax dollars, New Hampshire residents collectively, may indirectly
2 contribute more than \$1,300,000 per year to the Israeli military without formal informed consent,
3 yet vote in good faith to elect individuals to national office including the President of the United
4 States, representatives in the House of Representatives and congressmen to United States'
5 Congress, to uphold the principles of our constitution, and by extension, to enact on our behalf
6 policies expected to be in good standing with international law and the conscientious demands of
7 humanity;

8 Whereas, it is evident that Israel benefits from exceptional United States' financial support and
9 military equipment, and has evidently leveraged these to engage in a disproportionate and
10 indiscriminate military campaign against the people of Gaza;

11 Whereas, New Hampshire is composed of residents with direct family relationships and bonds of
12 kinship with civilians and families that have suffered grievously on both sides of this conflict;

13 Whereas, New Hampshire honors its members enrolled in military service, who are sworn to
14 uphold the principles of our Constitution, our nation, and our way of life and have offered their
15 service, safety and security as surety for such, honors their families who support them, and
16 welcomes businesses and such entities as provision them for the purpose of defending our ideals;

17 Whereas, New Hampshire is a state that has in the past been able to model for other places in
18 the United States debate and connection across political differences, as the American diaspora
19 communities connected to Israel-Palestine have often played a key role from this country in
20 modeling coexistence, dialogue, and democratic values for people in Israel-Palestine; and

21 Whereas, the state of New Hampshire's federal representative delegation is obligated morally
22 and legally to represent the urgent humanitarian and diplomatic interests of residents of the state of
23 New Hampshire; now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

25 That the state of New Hampshire house of representatives recognizes and endorses the
26 principles of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the state of New
27 Hampshire pledges to support people in our state who have claims of antisemitism, Islamophobia, or
28 anti-Arab racism, whether legally actionable or not.

29 Be it further resolved that the state of New Hampshire house of representatives calls on our
30 President and our federal representative delegation to demand more responsible oversight of United
31 States' military aid packages and all arms distribution to Israel and other international allies, and to
32 leverage such agreements to require that such partners recognize and comply with international law
33 governing the protection of civilians in war zones.

34 Be it further resolved that the state of New Hampshire house of representatives expresses
35 sincere solidarity with the innocent victims of violence overseas, and denounces any rise in
36 Islamophobia, antisemitism, and anti-Palestinian sentiment, and encourages respectful, productive
37 dialogue on matters of international disagreement.