

## **RESOLUTION NO. R-08-24**

### **A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND SUSTAINABLE CEASEFIRE AND HUMANITARIAN AID IN GAZA AND THE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES AND THOSE UNJUSTLY HELD**

**WHEREAS**, we the corporate authorities of the Village of Burr Ridge, Illinois, mourn all those innocent and unarmed Israeli and U.S. citizens and others massacred during Hamas' heinous terrorist attack on October 7, 2023, near the Gaza-Israeli border; and

**WHEREAS**, the corporate authorities also abhor the decimation of the lives of thousands of innocent Palestinians in Gaza who have been killed or sustained severe and permanent injuries, including innumerable women and children, caused by Israel's retaliation against Hamas; and

**WHEREAS**, we lament the reported resulting tragedy that approximately forty percent of all those killed in Gaza over the past six months were Palestinian children, including infants; and

**WHEREAS**, we note that on November 6, 2023, United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres spoke of a crisis of humanity and the destruction of so many innocent lives occurring in Gaza, and thereafter many other United Nation officials, including the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the head of the World Health Organization, signed a collective call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza; and

**WHEREAS**, we have learned that on March 26, 2024, United States Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin, III stated it was the goal of the United States to make Israel and the region safer and more secure, protect Palestinian civilians from harm as a moral necessity and a strategic imperative, noting especially that Gaza is suffering a humanitarian catastrophe that is getting worse; and

**WHEREAS**, we reflect upon the Easter message from Pope Francis questioning why there is all this death in Gaza and pleading for an immediate cease fire, access to humanitarian aid and release of the Hamas-held hostages; and

**WHEREAS**, we emphasize that domestic and international groups representing a diversity of backgrounds and experiences, including Rabbis for Human Rights, Jewish Voice for Peace, Social Workers for Peace and Welfare, Doctors Without Borders, Amnesty International, the World Health Organization, the Norwegian Refugee Council, the International Red Cross, MedGlobal Organization, eighteen UN agencies, and members of the US government have each called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza; and

**WHEREAS**, we understand there is vital need for expeditious delivery of uninterrupted supplies, and equitable distribution of humanitarian aid, including food, water, shelter, and medical care and supplies to and for the displaced Palestinians in Gaza; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the innocent and terrorized Israeli and US hostages who are confined in Gaza, as well as any Palestinians who have been unjustly held in Israel who remain imperiled by the ongoing hostilities between Hamas and Israel; and

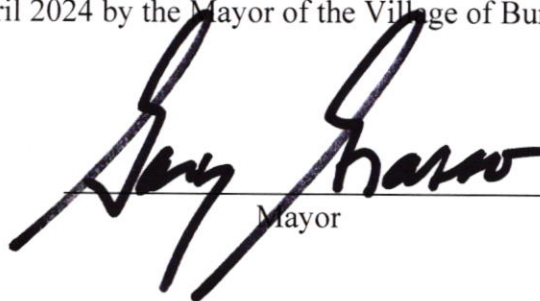
**WHEREAS**, the Village of Burr Ridge and its residents condemn and stand resolute against all acts of terrorism, and all forms of racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, the massacre of innocent peoples, and every form of hatred amongst humanity.

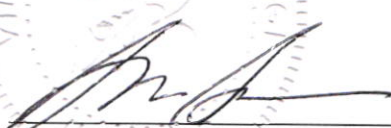
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FIRMLY RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Burr Ridge stand in consensus with our Village residents, and the many communities, residents, and organizations calling loudly for an immediate and sustained cessation of hostilities between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, the expeditious delivery and equitable distribution of humanitarian aid, including food, water, shelter, medical care and supplies to the displaced Palestinians in Gaza, for the immediate release of Israeli and U.S. hostages Hamas continues to hold, along with the immediate release of all Palestinians unjustly held in Israel, and for the prompt commencement of meaningful talks to make this troubled region safer and more secure for all habitants to live there in peace.

**PASSED** by the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Burr Ridge, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Trustees Snyder, Mital, Smith, Franzese, Schiappa  
NAYS: 0 – None  
ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Paveza

**APPROVED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024 by the Mayor of the Village of Burr Ridge.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Village Clerk



STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF C O O K ) SS.  
COUNTY OF DU PAGE )

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I, SUSAN SCHAUS, the duly elected, qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Burr Ridge, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of that Resolution now on file in my office, entitled

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which Resolution was passed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Burr Ridge at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of April, 2024 at which meeting a quorum was present and approved by the Mayor of the Village of Burr Ridge on the 8th day of April, 2024.

I further certify that the vote on the question of the passage of the said Resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Burr Ridge was taken by the Ayes and Nays and recorded in the Journal of Proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Burr Ridge, and that the result of said vote was as follows, to-wit:

**AYES: 5 - Trustees Snyder, Mital, Smith, Franzese,  
Schiappa**

**NAYS: 0 - None**

**ABSENT: 1 - Trustee Paveza**

I do further certify that the original Resolution, of which the attached is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village of Burr Ridge, this 8th day of April, 2024.

  
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Village Clerk

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