## **RESOLUTION NO. 4751-2024**

## RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING A SUSTAINED CEASEFIRE IN THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT, A RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES; AND IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN AID FOR THE CIVILIANS OF GAZA

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the city of Fort Bragg place a high value on all peoples' human right to life, free of the terror of bombing and with access to adequate food, water, shelter, and medical aid; and

**WHEREAS,** all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians— no matter their faith or ethnicity— is a violation of humanitarian law; and

WHEREAS, we mourn the loss of all civilian lives lost on both sides from October 7<sup>th</sup> to the present; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 70% of those killed having been women and children— and the mass destruction of homes, schools, and medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, international organizations such as Amnesty International, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the International Rescue Committee, and many others have made a call for ceasefire in order to prevent the further loss of life of civilians and to be in accordance with international humanitarian law; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the US taxpayers gave \$3.8 billion to Israel in military aid. In 2024, so far, through the National Security Package, the US has pledged \$14.5 billion in military aid to Israel; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Fort Bragg joins other cities in calling on members of Congress and the Biden administration to demand: an immediate ceasefire; release of all hostages; the unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza and the restoration of food, water, electricity, internet, and medical supplies; respect for international law; and calls for a resolution that protects the security of all innocent civilians, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to US Senator Laphonza Butler, US Senator Alex Padilla, US Representative Jared Huffman, State Senator Mike McGuire, US President Joe Biden, and US Vice President Kamala Harris.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by \_\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, by the following vote:

## AYES:

NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN: RECUSE:

> BERNIE NORVELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA SANCHEZ City Clerk