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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CEASEFIRE IN GAZA AND ISRAEL**

WHEREAS, the City of Traverse City Human Rights Commission stands committed to the notion that all human life is precious in all communities and nations of the world regardless of national, ethnic, political, or religious affiliations; and

WHEREAS, the recent and ongoing armed violence has resulted in the tragic loss of both Palestinian and Israeli lives; and

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Commission recognizes Traverse City as a globally connected community, enriched by a racially, ethnically, and culturally diverse community that continually stands on the side of human rights, peace, and justice and has historically welcomed those fleeing violence and war; and

WHEREAS, Islamophobia, antisemitism, anti-Palestinian and anti-Israeli bigotry have risen considerably across the U.S. and the world, with direct impacts on our culturally diverse community in Traverse City; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Government holds great diplomatic power that could save Palestinian and Israeli lives, the Human Rights Commission urges officials to prioritize the preservation of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Traverse City Human Rights Commission, that the Human Rights Commission joins the calls from the growing number of cities across the World, for an immediate and lasting ceasefire in Gaza and Israel, and the safe return of all innocent hostages and detainees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Human Rights Commission condemns all forms of discrimination, including Islamophobia, antisemitism, and anti-Palestinian and anti-Israeli bigotry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage a copy of this Resolution will be sent to the Traverse City City Commission, Office of U.S. President, the Office of the U.S. Representatives and Senators.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Human Rights Commission expresses its immense sorrow over the loss of innocent lives and the suffering endured by civilians in Gaza, Israel, and

the broader region and extends deepest sympathies to Traverse City and Michigan residents who have been directly impacted by the ongoing violence in any way, including the loss of loved ones.

I certify that this resolution was supported at the regular meeting of the City Commission on March 18, 2024, in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan.



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Sarah B. Lutz, Deputy City Clerk