



SPONSOR: Rep. Wilson-Anton & Rep. Morrison

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

RECOGNIZING THE GENOCIDE AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN GAZA AND CALLING ON THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION AND FEDERAL DELEGATION FROM DELAWARE TO SUPPORT A PERMANENT AND LASTING CEASEFIRE.

1 WHEREAS, we are united in grieving the unjust killing of over 1,200 Israelis on October 7, and 23,000
2 Palestinians since October, 70% of whom were women and children; and

3 WHEREAS, indiscriminate bombing has displaced 90% of Gaza's population, destroyed half of the housing in
4 Gaza, and created a humanitarian crisis for over 2 million Gazan civilians who are without shelter, food, water, electricity,
5 and healthcare, and

6 WHEREAS, more than 200 healthcare workers and 79 journalists have been killed in Gaza since October, and

7 WHEREAS, South Africa has filed a case against Israel which will be heard in the International Court of Justice
8 next week. This case has countless examples of actions and statements from Israeli officials expressing genocidal intent
9 against the Palestinian people, and

10 WHEREAS, House Resolution 786 - Calling for an immediate deescalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied
11 Palestine was introduced in the United States House of Representatives on October 25, 2023, by House Representative Cori
12 Bush of Missouri on behalf of herself and 17 cosponsors. House Resolution 786 reaffirms that "all human life is precious"
13 and expresses concern for the thousands of people whose health and safety are at risk unless a ceasefire is reached and
14 humanitarian assistance is made available in Gaza; and

15 WHEREAS, House Resolution 786 urges the Biden administration to use its diplomatic power to advocate for and
16 facilitate deescalation and a ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine and further calls on the Biden administration to
17 furnish humanitarian assistance to civilians in Gaza. Members of Congress have further voiced concern for the provision of
18 funding or other resources that will prolong this devastating conflict or contribute to further loss of lives; and

19 WHEREAS, at least 64 members of Congress have called for an immediate ceasefire or cessation of hostilities in
20 Israel and occupied Palestine, and

21 WHEREAS, polling shows that 65% of Americans support a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, and

22 WHEREAS, the United States sends \$3.3 billion dollars annually to Israel in military aid, and the majority of
23 Americans do not want to see their tax dollars spent to fund a genocide when those resources could be better spent on
24 priorities like housing and healthcare here at home; and

25 WHEREAS, the United Nations overwhelmingly passed a resolution demanding an immediate humanitarian
26 ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages as well as ensuring humanitarian access on December 13,
27 2023.

28 NOW, THEREFORE:

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly that the House of
30 Representatives calls upon our federal delegation, President Biden, and the President's administration to work towards a
31 permanent ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, including the release of all hostages and prisoners of war by both sides,
32 delivery of immediate and sustained humanitarian aid to Gaza, and diplomatic action to facilitate long-term peace in the
33 region.

SYNOPSIS

This House Resolution calls upon Delaware's federal delegation, President Biden, and the President's administration to work towards a permanent ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, including the release of all hostages and prisoners of war by both sides, delivery of immediate and sustained humanitarian aid to Gaza, and diplomatic action to facilitate long-term peace in the region.