

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, regardless of their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, the *USA Today* reports ongoing violence against civilians in Gaza and Israel has led to a rising death toll of thousands of Palestinians and Israelis; and

**WHEREAS**, a disproportionate number of the civilians killed are children; and

**WHEREAS**, to protect civilian life, there is a need for immediate lasting, and uninterrupted humanitarian aid, protection of civilian and humanitarian facilities, and release of illegally detained civilians; and

**WHEREAS**, On December 5<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has pledged an additional \$21 million aid package for Gaza and the West Bank; and

**WHEREAS**, a larger volume of aid is needed to prevent further deterioration of Gaza's dire humanitarian situation.

**Now, Therefore,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City of Dallas calls for an immediate humanitarian aid effort and exit strategy for all innocent civilians in Gaza and, in accordance with the United Nations Resolution, calls for peaceful negotiations for a just and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

**SECTION 2.** That the City of Dallas calls for Egypt and our Allied Nations to take the necessary actions to open borders for humanitarian assistance and implement an exit strategy for civilians.

**SECTION 3.** That the City of Dallas recognizes the impact that this armed conflict has on women, children, older persons, people with disabilities, and other civilians who are not participating in the violence and do not have ways of protecting themselves.

**SECTION 4.** That the City of Dallas calls for "full, sustained, safe, and unhindered humanitarian access" to deliver urgent assistance to civilians in the Gaza Strip.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Secretary of Dallas attests and affixes the seal of the City of Dallas to this resolution and that a copy be transmitted to the United States Department of State and US Congress.

**SECTION 6.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.