

Proposed Amendment #1 to AR No. 2024-87(S)

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY URGING OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LEAD TO AN IMMEDIATE BILATERAL CEASEFIRE IN THE ISRAEL-HAMAS CONFLICT.

Submitted by: Assembly Member Volland & Vice Chair Zaletel

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Purpose/Summary of Amendment: To provide additional context to the current Israel-Hamas conflict.

TEXT OF AMENDMENT

(adding new language), and (~~Deleting words proposed by the original AR; or if AR(S) then leaving bold~~)

AR Title, p. 1, beginning at line 1, amending as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY URGING OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LEAD TO LASTING PEACE ~~[AN IMMEDIATE BILATERAL CEASEFIRE]~~ IN THE ISRAEL-HAMAS CONFLICT.

AR(S) Whereas Clauses, p. 1, beginning at line 22, amending as follows:

WHEREAS, both Jewish and Palestinian peoples can trace the histories of their ancient ancestors back to the region that is now Israel, and both groups have been subjected to historical oppression and colonization; and

WHEREAS, Israel was admitted as a full member state by the United Nations on May 11, 1949; and

WHEREAS, the preamble to Hamas' founding charter, published in 1988, contains the following quote: "Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it"; and

AR(S) Whereas Clauses, p. 1, beginning at line 26, amending as follows:

WHEREAS, Hamas won 2006 parliamentary elections in the Palestinian territories and in 2007 violently seized control of the Gaza Strip from the internationally recognized Palestinian Authority; and

WHEREAS, Hamas unilaterally attacked Israel on October 7, 2023, breaking an existing ceasefire, and this attack included the intentional killings of civilians, torture, hostage taking and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, leaders of Hamas have repeatedly called for the annihilation of Israel; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2023, the Anchorage Assembly approved AR No. 2023-137(S-2), condemning the threat or use of political violence and denouncing extremism in all its forms: "specifically those ideologies which promote the supremacy or inferiority of any group on the basis of ethnicity, tribal status, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, physical ability, or national origin, and all hateful speech intended and likely to incite imminent violent action in our community" (see AR Section 1.3.); and

AR, p. 2 beginning at line 23, amending as follows:

Section 3. The Anchorage Assembly acknowledges the U.S. State Department designation of Hamas as a Foreign Terrorist Organization and condemns all acts of foreign and domestic terrorism. ~~[The Anchorage Assembly affirms Israel's right to exist and the Palestinians' right to a place to call home free of Hamas.]~~

Section 4[3]. The Anchorage Assembly recognizes Israel's right to exist and Israel's right to defend its borders and population.

Section 5. The Anchorage Assembly calls on our federal delegation to support. . .

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No