

## **Resolution Calling for an Immediate Ceasefire, Humanitarian Aid, and Lasting Peace Village of Orland Park – 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Orland Park is home to a diverse community, including many residents with deep familial, cultural, and ties to both Palestine and Israel, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Orland Park is home to one of the largest Palestinian and Arab communities in Cook County and the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, as has been reported, since October 2023, the humanitarian crisis has resulted in devastating loss of life and immense human suffering, including the deaths of over **60,000 Palestinians**—the majority of whom are women and children—and more than **146,269 injured** in Gaza, and

**WHEREAS**, as has been reported, this has also taken the lives of approximately **1,200 Israelis**, including both civilians and soldiers, and

**WHEREAS**, as has been reported, the ongoing Israeli military operations in Gaza have caused a humanitarian catastrophe—destroying or damaging **92% of housing**, as well as hospitals, schools, and basic infrastructure—leaving almost **90% of the population** (over **1.9 million people**) displaced and without access to clean water, food, or adequate medical care, and

**WHEREAS**, a just and lasting peace in the region requires the recognition of the humanity and rights of all people—Palestinians and Israelis alike—and a commitment to end cycles of occupation, violence, and displacement.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the **Village of Orland Park** that we:

1. **Urge the U.S. government and international community** to take decisive diplomatic action to end the violence and support a just and lasting peace that ensures safety, freedom, and dignity for Palestinians and Israelis.
2. **Demand the safe, sustained, and unconditional delivery of humanitarian aid**—including food, medical supplies, fuel, and water—to all affected civilians in Gaza.
3. **Call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire** in the region to prevent further loss of life and suffering.
4. **Call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.**

5. **Affirm the commitment of Orland Park** to supporting its residents impacted by this conflict.
6. **Direct that copies of this resolution be sent to** the President of the United States, U.S. Senators representing Illinois, and U.S. Representatives serving Orland Park, urging them to take action consistent with this resolution.