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5 **A RESOLUTION**

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7 Supporting and urging for a permanent cease-fire in Israel and in Gaza and the  
8 West Bank  
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11 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is committed to becoming the healthiest county in  
12 Wisconsin through achieving racial equity; and

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14 WHEREAS, the targeting of civilians through apartheid and genocide, regardless  
15 of their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

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17 WHEREAS, the long-standing conflict between Israel and Palestine has resulted  
18 in the loss of countless lives; and

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20 WHEREAS, on January 7, 2024, the Gaza Health Ministry stated that since  
21 October 7, 2023, over 22,000 lives have been claimed and thousands more have been  
22 wounded and displaced; and

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24 WHEREAS, de-escalation and support are needed to deliver humanitarian aid  
25 such as medical care, food, and water to those effected by this crisis; and

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27 WHEREAS, cease-fire is only just and fair when it is concurrent with Palestinian  
28 freedom and autonomy; and

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30 WHEREAS, Local Progress, a movement of local elected officials fighting for  
31 racial and economic justice, has released an open letter with over 300 signatures calling  
32 on Congress and the White House to take immediate action for a cease-fire in Israel  
33 and Palestine; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Coalition for Justice in Palestine, comprised of over  
36 60 organizations, has urged state political leaders to take action towards implementing  
37 a cease-fire in Israel and Palestine; and

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39 WHEREAS, if a cease-fire is not achieved, lives will continue to be lost and put in  
40 danger; and

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42           WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of  
43 March 4, 2024, made no recommendation regarding File No. 24-240, due to a tie vote  
44 on a motion to recommend adoption (vote 2-2); now, therefore,

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46           BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports  
47 an immediate and permanent cease-fire and the delivery of humanitarian aid and de-  
48 escalation in Israel and in Gaza and the West Bank; and

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50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Government Affairs staff is  
51 authorized and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution with the  
52 Wisconsin Congressional delegation.

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