

SECTION 1: The Council of the City of Knoxville takes seriously that the entreaty “Never Again” in memory of the Holocaust means preventing apartheid and ethnic cleansing everywhere, regardless of religion, ethnicity, race, or creed; and

SECTION 2: The Council of the City of Knoxville calls for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire and the safe passage of substantial humanitarian aid to Gaza; and

SECTION 3: The Council of the City of Knoxville calls for the immediate release of all Israeli hostages taken by Hamas; and

SECTION 4: The Council of the City of Knoxville calls for an end to Israel’s apartheid, occupation, and military blockade of Palestinian land and peoples; and

SECTION 5: The Council of the City of Knoxville renounces the targeting and surveillance of Arabs, Palestinians, and fellow allies in the city of Knoxville; and

SECTION 6: The Council of the City of Knoxville calls on everyone to respect the rights of freedom of speech and peaceful protest, and to not retaliate against anyone for expressing solidarity with the human rights of Palestinians or Israelis;

SECTION 7: The Council of the City of Knoxville calls upon President Biden to use his extensive political and financial leverage to demand an immediate ceasefire, the immediate deployment of humanitarian aid to Gaza, and the immediate release of all hostages and prisoners of war; and

SECTION 8: The Council of the City of Knoxville endorses the Congressional Resolution submitted by Representatives Cori Bush (MO-01), Rashida Tlaib (MI-12), André Carson (IN-07), Summer Lee (PA-12), and Delia C. Ramirez (IL-03), alongside Representatives Jamaal Bowman (NY-16), Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12), Jesús “Chuy” García (IL-04), Jonathan Jackson (IL-01), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY-14), Ilhan Omar (MN-05), Ayanna Pressley (MA-07), and Nydia Velázquez (NY-07) and urges Knoxville’s U.S. Congressional delegation to vote in support of the resolution.

SECTION 9: Upon adoption, the City Recorder is hereby respectfully requested and directed to forward a true and correct copy of this Resolution to the City’s U.S. Congressional delegation to apprise them of City Council’s respectful request.

Presiding Officer of the Council

City Recorder