

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF OREGON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01  
REGARDING THE SITUATION IN GAZA AND ISRAEL**

**WHEREAS**, Oregon Democrats are committed to upholding international humanitarian law—including the protection of civilians and the planet—while advancing equity and defending the rights and dignity of all people, both in the US and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon Democrats unequivocally stand for the protection of civil rights, the promotion of social justice, and in opposition to all forms of discrimination, including but not limited to antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian and anti-Arab bigotry, anti-Israeli bigotry, racism, xenophobia, and discrimination based on religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or disability; and

**WHEREAS**, the result of two years of Israeli military actions against Hamas and Islamic Jihad—both of which violated international law by using civilians as human shields and embedding themselves within apartment buildings, schools, mosques and hospitals in Gaza—has led to a dire situation facing the people of Gaza, who are in need of urgent solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, 12 percent of Gazans are facing malnutrition according to the Global Nutrition Cluster, a group of UN and other aid agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, 92 percent of the homes in Gaza have been destroyed or damaged during the war between Israel and Hamas; and

**WHEREAS**, trash, sewage, and toxic debris as a result of the war is creating an environmental catastrophe in Gaza that is leading to the spread of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Israel is facing the worst mental health crisis in its history with tens of thousands suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)—including orphaned children who have lost both parents—as a result of the atrocities committed by Hamas on October 7, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of Israelis—out of the 200,000 internally displaced during the war—have still been unable to return to their home communities that were attacked and in some cases devastated by Hamas in the south and Hezbollah in the north;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF OREGON RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** We call for focused, intensive, and intentional rebuilding efforts, backed by increased humanitarian aid and robust US, UN and other international funding, to restore Gaza's health, water, sanitation, electricity, housing, and public infrastructure, while supporting the revival of civil society and economic life.

**Section 2.** We call on the US to use all its leverage in association with European and Arab allies to

bring about the total disarming of Hamas and the total withdrawal of the Israeli Defense Forces from Gaza at the earliest practicable date.

**Section 3.** We affirm our commitment to a just and lasting peace for all in the region, including the right to self-determination, security, and dignity for both Palestinians and Israelis based on a two-state solution—a Jewish state of Israel and a Palestinian Arab state.

**Section 4.** We affirm our commitment to ensuring that members of both the Arab/Palestinian and Jewish/Israeli communities residing in Oregon feel that they have a sense of belonging in the Democratic party.

*Submitted by Steph Newton, Jewish Caucus*