

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2023

H. Res. 23- 15

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

To recognize and call for an immediate de-escalation and cease-fire
in Israel and occupied Palestine.

1 **WHEREAS**, all life is precious and the Commonwealth of the Northern
2 Mariana Islands calls on elected officials and residents alike to protect life and stand
3 united against violence; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
5 advocates for the safety, dignity, freedom, and equality of all people, regardless of
6 religion, race, or nationality; and

7 **WHEREAS**, thousands of people from Israel and Palestine have been
8 killed in a matter of weeks, of whom a significant amount of them are children; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
10 recognizes that the current crisis takes place within a long history and affirms that,
11 for a pathway to lasting peace and justice to be developed, the root causes of the
12 crisis need to be addressed; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Gaza is in a dire humanitarian crisis that is getting worse with
14 each passing day, with the only remaining hospitals running out of fuel and medical

1 supplies, and over 1.5 million Palestinians facing displacement, homelessness, and
2 starvation; and

3 **WHEREAS**, international organizations like Amnesty International, the
4 United Nations, the World Health Organization, the US Agency for International
5 Development (USAID), the International Rescue Committee, and many others have
6 made a call for a ceasefire in order to prevent the further loss of life of civilians and
7 to be in accordance with international humanitarian law; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands support
9 U.S. Congress Resolution H.R. 786 and joins other cities in calling on our Congress
10 Members to demand; an immediate ceasefire; release of all hostages, the
11 unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; the restoration of food,
12 water, electricity, and medical supplies to Gaza; and the respect for international
13 law; and calls for a resolution that protects the security of all innocent civilians; and

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of
15 Representatives of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth
16 Legislature that the House recognizes and calls for an immediate de-escalation and
17 cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this
20 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the
21 Honorable Joe Biden, President, United States of America; the Honorable Kamala

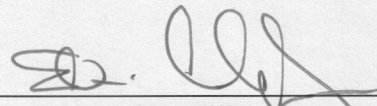
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1 Harris, Vice President, United States of America; Representatives and Senators of
2 the 118th United States Congress; the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor,
3 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio “Kilili”
4 C. Sablan, U.S. Delegate to the United States Congress, 118th United States
5 Congress; and the Honorable Edith E. Deleon Guerrero, Senate President, the 23rd
6 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

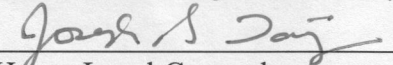
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Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez

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