



City of Northampton

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In the year two thousand twenty-four

October 17, 2024

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor Jeremy Macomber-Dubs

R-24.157

A Resolution Calling for an Embargo on U.S. Arms to Israel

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Northampton in City Council assembled, as follows:

1. **WHEREAS**, on February 27, 2024, the City Council of the City of Northampton approved “A Resolution Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza” (R-24.018) that includes a call for a halt to sending U.S. military supplies to the government of Israel (...”suspension of unrestricted military aid from the United States...”), and
2. **WHEREAS**, the flow of U.S. weapons to the government of Israel is continuing and has enabled: (1) attacks against the Palestinian people in Gaza, the West Bank, and east Jerusalem, including the unlawful restriction of lifesaving humanitarian aid, resulting in untold numbers of civilian deaths, which The Lancet medical journal estimates may exceed 186,000; and (2) the illegal widespread assault against the Lebanese people and the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, all of which threaten to lead to a Middle East, and possibly, a global war, and
3. **WHEREAS**, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders has introduced [Joint Resolutions of Disapproval](#) in Congress to block the sale of more than \$20 billion in offensive U.S. weaponry to Israel, and
4. **WHEREAS**, the continued shipment of U.S. weapons to Israel violates the Leahy Law and other U.S. laws including the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act,
5. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northampton City Council urges Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren and Congressman Jim McGovern to:

(1) support and work for approval of Senator Sanders' above noted legislation, and (2) introduce legislation to impose a total and immediate embargo on unrestricted sales and shipment of U.S. weapons to Israel.

6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa, State Senator Jo Comerford, Congressman James P. McGovern, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Edward Markey, and President Joseph R. Biden.

Reference: *S.J.Res.111 - A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Israel of certain defense articles and services* (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/111>)

In City Council, November 7, 2024
Adopted in Final Reading on Roll Call Vote of 5 Yes, 0 No, 4 Abstained (Elkins, Klemer, Perry and Rothenberg)

Attest: *Laura Krutts* , Clerk of Council

Passed final reading and enrolled.
I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Northampton City Council on November 7, 2024
Per Charter Section 3-6, non-binding resolutions are not required to be presented to the Mayor for approval.

Attest: *Laura Krutts* , Clerk of Council