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JEWISH FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND ISSUES STATEMENT ON CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL'S CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION

CLEVELAND – The Jewish Federation of Cleveland issued the following statement in response to the ceasefire resolution voted on yesterday by Cleveland City Council:

“There is nothing the Jewish people want more than peace.

“While we acknowledge the time and consideration that Cleveland City Council has put into this matter, it is hurtful that Council decided to move forward with a ceasefire resolution on the same day Hamas refused to agree to yet another actual ceasefire agreement.

“No less than six ceasefire agreements have been brokered by the United States and other international partners that Israel was willing to accept. Hamas has rejected each one because it refuses to return the remaining innocent people it took hostage when it attacked Israel on October 7, 2023.

“By not accurately reflecting those facts in the resolution it passed, Cleveland City Council has unintentionally given credence to the hateful rhetoric targeting the Jewish community that has overtaken the ‘public comments’ portion of the Council meetings each week since Hamas attacked Israel.

“We pray for the day when Israelis and Palestinians can live in peace and without the threat of violence. We join all those mourning the loss of an innocent loved one in Gaza.”

ABOUT JEWISH FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND

The Jewish Federation of Cleveland is the only organization in Cleveland that focuses on the health and vitality of the entire Jewish community. Since 1903, the Federation has created the critical scale necessary to drive meaningful social change and provide relief in times of crisis in ways no one person or organization could do alone. As Jewish Cleveland's hub for innovative solutions and collaborative services, the Federation is able to change and improve lives in Cleveland, Israel, and around the world.

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