

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, in this moment, I am especially concerned for the health and welfare of our Palestinian, Israeli, Muslim, and Jewish residents who are deeply hurting; and*

*WHEREAS, I unequivocally condemn the targeting and killing of Palestinian and Israeli civilians – both during the horrific October 7 attacks by Hamas, and through the excessive bombing by the Israeli government since that date; and*

*WHEREAS, the lives taken in this war total over 27,000 Palestinians and over 1,400 Israelis, with those numbers tragically continuing to increase each day; and*

*WHEREAS, I recognize the right to self-determination and peaceful, safe futures for both Palestinian and Israeli people; and*

*WHEREAS, I condemn calls locally, nationally, and internationally for one ethnoreligious state to occupy the region and urge international leaders to promote a peaceful resolution of this conflict that results in both an Israeli state and a Palestinian state, a two-state solution; and*

*WHEREAS, as a local leader, I am using my voice to stand firmly against the rise of all acts of racially motivated violence and hate crimes perpetrated against our Palestinian, Israeli, Muslim, and Jewish constituents here in Minneapolis and around the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, leaders must speak up to unify our city, not divide it.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, JACOB FREY, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim my support for:*

- 1. A full, immediate, and sustainable ceasefire, along with urgently needed humanitarian aid as a necessary step towards lasting peace.*
- 2. The release of all Israeli hostages taken by Hamas, and the release of any Palestinians unjustly held by Israel.*
- 3. The investment of federal, state, and City funds towards efforts abroad and domestically to create the conditions for reconciliation, which are necessary for the self-determination and peaceful, safe futures for both Palestinians and Israelis.*
- 4. A two-state solution, recognizing the sovereignty of both Israeli and Palestinian states.*



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A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, flowing 'J' followed by a smaller 'E' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

*Mayor of Minneapolis*

