

# State of Vermont

## House of Representatives



**Montpelier, Vermont**

### House Resolution

**H.R. 13**

Offered by Representatives Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Headrick of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, McGill of Bridport, and Tomlinson of Winooski

House resolution relating to the end of apartheid and support for the people of Palestine and Israel in the resolution of conflict

*Whereas*, the cultural, historical, and ancestral connection to native lands is an indispensable component of the human experience, and

*Whereas*, the region of Asia known since the 16<sup>th</sup> century as “the Levant” has been subject to colonization and oppression for millennia, with all peoples within this region enduring generations of war, imperialism, and slavery, and

*Whereas*, the partitioning of Palestine following the expiration of the British colonial mandate and the subsequent development of the two-state model has operated as a platform for proxy conflict between foreign powers, which has caused all occupants of the territory to endure violence and loss, and

*Whereas*, on September 16, 2025, the United Nations Human Rights Council’s “Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel” published a legal analysis of the conduct of the State of Israel in Gaza and concluded that Israeli authorities had committed acts violating Article II, subsections (a), (b), and (c) of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and that Israeli security forces have genocidal intent to destroy, in whole or in part, Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, and

*Whereas*, the people of Palestine have been subjected to famine, denial of medical care, and other humanitarian crises, and

*Whereas*, it is essential that our broader human community commit itself to liberty, peace, fellowship, charity, justice, care for the marginalized, human rights, and international law, and

*Whereas*, the State of Vermont has traditionally committed to trauma-informed approaches to issue resolution, and

*Whereas*, the State of Vermont has historically opposed all forms of apartheid and has taken action to divest itself from apartheid states, including the enactment of 1986 Acts and Resolves No. 246, which removed State investments and deposits in South Africa, and

*Whereas*, all of the cultures, nations, and peoples of the Levant have made invaluable contributions to the well-being, prosperity, and enlightenment of

humanity at large, and the stakes of continuing conflict and apartheid are an issue of global concern, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the House of Representatives:***

That this legislative body affirms that all inhabitants of planet Earth are born equally free and independent and have certain natural, inherent, and inalienable rights, including enjoyment and defense of life and liberty; possession and protection of property; and the pursuit and preservation of happiness and safety. Accordingly, this legislative body calls for a global ceasefire and an end to all war; the initiation of processes for truth and reconciliation, reparation of harm, and promotion of recovery; support for the people of both Palestine and Israel in the resolution of conflict; and the end of apartheid, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the president of the United States, Donald J. Trump; president of Israel, Isaac Herzog; president of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas; Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres; and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.