

# SR-19

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Ahmed of Tennessee submitted the following resolution;

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# RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States has long fought for a diplomatic and peaceful resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict,

Whereas the United States has played a critical role in protecting the sovereignty and security of the people in the Middle East,

Whereas the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has persisted for decades, resulting in the loss of countless lives and the perpetuation of instability and suffering in the region,

Whereas a lasting and just resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is vital for achieving peace, stability, and prosperity for both Israelis and Palestinians,

Whereas a two-state solution, in which Israel and Palestine coexist side by side within secure and

recognized borders, has long been recognized as a feasible and equitable path to peace,

Whereas the international community, including the United Nations, has repeatedly called for a two-state solution based on relevant UN resolutions, the Madrid principles, and the Arab Peace Initiative,

Whereas negotiations between Israeli and Palestinian leaders have been challenging, and both sides have legitimate aspirations and concerns that must be addressed in order to reach a mutually acceptable agreement,

Whereas the United States, as a global leader and longstanding supporter of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, can play a pivotal role in facilitating meaningful dialogue and negotiations between the parties,

Whereas fostering an environment conducive to negotiations requires an immediate cessation of violence, acts of terrorism, and incitement, as well as a freeze on Israeli settlement activities, in accordance with previous agreements and relevant international law,

Whereas sustainable peace requires the establishment of an independent, democratic, and viable Palestinian state that guarantees the rights and security of its citizens, alongside a secure and recognized Israel with defensible borders,

Whereas a comprehensive and just settlement must address the final status issues, including borders, Jerusalem, refugees, security, and water resources, through direct negotiations between the parties,

(1) Calls upon the Israeli and Palestinian leaders to engage in direct negotiations, facilitated by the United States and supported by the international community, with the aim of reaching a comprehensive and lasting two-state solution;

(2) Encourages that all parties involve refrain from terror or violence during these talks and to take immediate steps to de-escalate tensions and promote a peaceful environment.

(3) Encourages the United States to leverage its close relationship with both Israel and the Palestinian Authority to facilitate confidence-building measures, promote mutual trust, and address the legitimate concerns of both parties in the negotiation process;

(4) Reaffirms the commitment of the United States to the security and well-being of both Israel and Palestine and recognizes the importance of continued U.S. support for their efforts to achieve a peaceful two-state solution;

(5) Calls on the United Nations and other relevant international organizations to support the peace process actively, provide assistance in implementing agreements, and help address the humanitarian and development needs of both Israelis and Palestinians;

(6) Expresses the Senate's determination to monitor progress in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations closely, with the aim of taking further actions, including additional diplomatic initiatives, if necessary, to advance the goal of a just and lasting peace in the region; and

(7) Directs the Senate leadership to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Israeli government, the Palestinian Authority, and the United Nations.