

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 196

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**SYNOPSIS**

Calls for ceasefire in Israel, Gaza, and West Bank.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION calling for a ceasefire in Israel, Gaza,  
2 and the West Bank.

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5 no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international  
6 humanitarian law; and

7 WHEREAS, Between October 7 and November 21, 2023, armed  
8 violence has claimed the lives of over 1,400 Israelis and 14,000  
9 Palestinians, and wounded thousands more; and

10 WHEREAS, This violence is an extension of a decades-long conflict;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, This conflict is perpetuating a dangerous and costly lack of  
13 access to basic housing needs, compounding this health and  
14 humanitarian crisis; and

15 WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a  
16 cease-fire is not achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered  
17 without delay; and

18 WHEREAS, The federal government holds immense diplomatic power  
19 to save Israeli and Palestinian lives; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New  
22 Jersey:

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24 1. This House urges support for facilitating de-escalation and  
25 calling for a cease-fire to end the current violence in Israel, Gaza,  
26 and the West bank.

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28 2. This House urges support for an immediate release of all  
29 hostages and cessation of hostilities toward civilians by all parties  
30 in this war.

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32 3. This House urges support for promptly sending and  
33 facilitating the entry of humanitarian assistance including food,  
34 water, and medical supplies into Gaza.

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36 4. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
37 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the  
38 President of the United States and each member of Congress elected  
39 from this State.

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STATEMENT

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