

Resolution in Solidarity with Gaza

Whereas the U.N. [Special Committee on Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People](#); leading international, Palestinian, and Israeli human rights organizations, including [Amnesty International](#), [Human Rights Watch](#), [Doctors Without Borders](#), [Al-Haq](#), and [B'Tselem](#); and the [International Association of Genocide Scholars](#) and prominent genocide [scholars](#) and [historians](#) have concluded that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza;

Whereas Israeli actions have been enabled by U.S. military and diplomatic support, including over \$30 billion in funding since October 7, 2023;

Whereas U.N. experts have [raised alarm](#) over the “intentional effort to comprehensively destroy the Palestinian education system, an action known as ‘scholasticide.’” This includes razing Gaza’s 12 universities; destroying over [90 percent](#) of its schools and most archives, libraries, and museums; and killing, starving, and displacing thousands of students, faculty, and staff;

Whereas academics in Gaza have [declared](#) their refusal to allow this “continuous Nakba” to “extinguish the flame of knowledge and resilience,” and Gaza university presidents have [called for](#) “immediate international mobilization to support and protect Gaza’s higher education institutions,” stating: “We are more than buildings—we are academic communities, comprised of students, faculty, and staff, still alive and determined to carry forward our mission”;

Whereas Gaza’s nonprofit universities have established a unified [Emergency Committee](#) that has articulated concrete [priorities](#) for international support;

Be it resolved that the AHA, which supports the right of all peoples to freely teach and learn about their past, condemns Israeli scholasticide in Gaza and calls for a permanent ceasefire; echoing the call of AHA members at the Association's business meeting on January 5, 2025;

Be it resolved that the AHA, in cooperation with universities in Gaza and their representative bodies, will support efforts to ensure the current survival, and future rebuilding, of Palestinian higher education by forming a committee to pursue these objectives.

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