

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 perpetrating genocide in Gaza;

Whereas U.S. military and diplomatic support enables Israeli actions, including providing Israel with \$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 bombing 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 against Palestine; 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 survival and rebuilding of Palestinian higher education by forming a committee that will pursue the objectives specified in this resolution.

Resolution Opposing Attacks on Core Principles of Education

Whereas ongoing attacks on academic freedom, free speech, faculty governance, and equity from government officials including the president of the United States, are irreparably damaging education in the United States;

Whereas these attacks weaponize allegations of antisemitism and racism to obscure struggles against real problems, justify massive cutbacks, and silence protests against the U.S.-sponsored genocide perpetrated by Israel in Gaza;

Be it resolved that the AHA condemns attacks on academic freedom, free speech, faculty governance, and equity and their specious justifications; it urges all U.S. educational institutions to join in this opposition, and to particularly defend untenured and adjunct faculty and international students who are especially vulnerable to doxxing, firing, and deportation.

Be it resolved that the AHA will form a committee to protect academic freedom that will pursue the objectives specified in this resolution.