

## **Motion of Support for Those in the JMU Community Affected by the Israel-Palestine Conflict**

*The James Madison University Faculty Senate*

WHEREAS the world has been witnessing the tragic events unfolding in Israel and Palestine since October 2023 that have resulted in thousands of deaths and other atrocities. While numbers rise daily, as of April 26, 2024, news sources report that 34,262 Palestinians and 1,410 Israelis have been killed since October 7, 2023. Thousands more have been wounded. Additionally, of the 248 Israelis and foreigners who were kidnapped by Hamas, 130 remain unaccounted for.<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS anti-Islamic, anti-Arab, and antisemitic actions that cause further harm are increasing across the United States and throughout the world.

WHEREAS the JMU community has many members who themselves, their families, or their friends are impacted by the events in Israel and Palestine.

WHEREAS those JMU community members affected by the conflict, both directly and indirectly, are experiencing distress, fear, uncertainty, and anguish.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the JMU Faculty Senate stands in solidarity with all those impacted and extends its condolences to those whose loved ones have been killed, injured, displaced, or gone missing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tragedy still unfolding in Israel and Palestine calls upon us to learn more about the societies affected, to lend support to members of our community affected by the recent violence, and to cultivate a deeper understanding of our shared humanity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that impacted members of the JMU community know of the following resources for both personal support in these difficult times and as educational resources to support teaching and learning about the issues related to Israel and Palestine:

- The Middle Eastern Communities and Migrations (MECM) minor. The [MECM minor website](#) also includes faculty experts in the region.
- [Dean of Students](#)
- [Center for Global Engagement](#)
- [JMU Counseling](#)

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<sup>1</sup> See "Casualties of the Israel-Hamas war"

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casualties\\_of\\_the\\_Israel%E2%80%9393Hamas\\_war](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casualties_of_the_Israel%E2%80%9393Hamas_war) for frequently updated data on death tolls. This site includes references to the sources from which the data reported is derived. On the numbers of hostages, see NBC News. "The Number of Hostages Still Alive in Gaza Is a Mystery, Officials Say," April 18, 2024. <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/number-hostages-still-alive-gaza-remains-mystery-officials-say-rcna148294>.