Your Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for acceptance:

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED**

1. Resolution LR001 - End Attacks on Health and Human Rights in Palestine
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(1) RESOLUTION LR001 - END ATTACKS ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN PALESTINE

RECOMMENDATION A:

The first Resolve of Resolution LR001 be amended by addition and deletion:

RESOLVED, That our AMA supports efforts to ensure the prompt delivery of humanitarian aid and medical supplies to civilians affected by the humanitarian ongoing crisis in Gaza Palestine and Israel; and be it further

RECOMMENDATION B:

The second Resolve of Resolution LR001 be amended by deletion:

RESOLVED, That our AMA will advocate for the protection of hospitals, shelters, refugee camps, and other safety zones in Gaza; and be it further

RECOMMENDATION C:

Resolution LR001 be amended by addition of a new Resolve:

RESOLVED, That our AMA oppose acts during the Palestine and Israel crisis that violate human rights and endanger civilian lives which may include: (1) the active targeting of safety zones, health care facilities, and healthcare personnel by military or other hostile entities; (2) the denial of medical services as a weapon of war; and (3) the placement of weapons in civilian infrastructure or civilian areas; and be it further

RECOMMENDATION D:

The third Resolve of Resolution LR001 be amended by addition and deletion:

RESOLVED, That our AMA supports a humanitarian cease-fires during the Palestine and Israel crisis in order to protect civilian lives and healthcare personnel; and be it further

RECOMMENDATION E:
Resolution LR001 be adopted as amended with a change in title to read as follows:

**ADDRESSING THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL**

RESOLVED, That our AMA supports efforts to ensure the prompt delivery of humanitarian aid and medical supplies to civilians affected by the humanitarian crisis in Gaza; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA will advocate for the protection of hospitals, shelters, refugee camps, and other safety zones in Gaza; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA supports a humanitarian cease-fire in Palestine and Israel in order to protect civilian lives and healthcare personnel; and be it further

RESOLVED, The AMA-MSS immediately forward this resolution to the HOD Interim 2023 Meeting.

Your Reference Committee agrees with the emphatic testimony regarding the crisis in Gaza, which was exacerbated by the horrific October 7 attacks against Israeli civilians by the terrorist group Hamas and compounded by the brutal and inhumane Israeli response that has indiscriminately butchered thousands of innocent Palestinian lives. It is a devastating and heart-wrenching reminder of the cruelties and inhumanities of war. However, your Reference Committee also agrees with testimony that it is important to acknowledge that this is a contentious issue, with extreme passions on all sides and a history that extends at least eight decades and at most several millennia. We agree that our duty as physicians must be to stand resolutely and boldly for life, in the midst of so much senseless suffering and needless death.

Your Reference Committee acknowledges the recent press release from the AMA Board of Trustees. The statement utilizes existing AMA policies D-65.993 “War Crimes as a Threat to Physicians’ Humanitarian Responsibilities” and H-520.998 “Medical Neutrality” which Recommendation C builds upon. Given the timeliness and gravity of this situation, your Reference Committee recommends that the AMA specifically “opposes” the aforementioned acts, which will allow the AMA to pursue all available avenues of advocacy on this topic.

If this resolution is to be successful in the AMA House of Delegates and subsequently result in meaningful advocacy and action, it must start and finish from the assertion that all civilians, whether Palestinian or Israeli, are deserving of protection from military action by all sides. Our recommendations are based on current AMA policy verbiage in order to reflect language that has been successful in the past while also acknowledging the
complexity of this resolution's asks. Your Reference Committee also acknowledges the
nuanced issue of the utilization of civilian safe zones as shelter for hostile entities during
this crisis and therefore recommends the addition of clause (3) in Recommendation C. We
recognize the complexity of war propaganda and how it relates to the most recent
information we have on this issue; however, your Reference Committee believes the AMA
should have comprehensive policy on potential war crimes affecting civilians such as the
utilization of civilian infrastructure and areas in strategies for war.

Additionally, we recommend using the language of humanitarian pause as it is often used
as a tactical measure to alleviate human suffering and safely allow humanitarian
organizations and agencies to deliver aid, evacuate civilians, or provide medical
assistance to affected populations in areas of crisis. Conversely, a cease fire requires a
diplomatic and political process involving third-party mediators. Therefore, we believe
supporting a pause is more within the AMA's purview as an authority on health, equity,
and advocacy on human rights. This also allows the AMA to involve itself on the recently
announced humanitarian pauses by Israel.

Your Reference Committee believes that identifying a humanitarian lens for the AMA to
act upon is the most appropriate avenue to be successful in the HOD and ensure adequate
action upon the asks of this resolution. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends
Resolution LR001 be adopted as amended.