

Minute from 15th Street (NY) Friends Meeting – Approved December 2023

Moved by the great suffering sustained by the people of Palestine and Israel, and guided by the words of our national organizations that help our search for peace and justice, we, the members of Fifteenth Street Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends urge our lawmakers, President Biden, Senators Gillibrand and Schumer and Representative Nadler to:

- endorse a ceasefire, de-escalation and respect for international law against war,
- protect lives, including hostages held by Hamas and civilians, both Palestinians and Israelis, suffering because of the conflict,
- provide humanitarian aid wherever needed,
- address and resolve the root causes to the longstanding regional dispute,
- speak out against both antisemitic and anti-Islamic words and actions that inflame discussions of these issues within the United States

Adhering to our three-hundred-year-old peace testimony, we resist the use of our tax dollars for killing, destruction and violence.

"We seek a world free of war, and the threat of war."