

## **Minute on the War in Iran**

**First Friends Indianapolis Quaker Meeting** views the current military conflict with Iran with heavy hearts and a clear conscience. Following the escalation of hostilities on February 28, 2026, we are moved to reaffirm our conviction that war is a moral failure and a violation of the inherent dignity of every human being. We believe there is that of God in everyone—in the people of Iran, our civilian leaders, the members of our own armed forces, and those caught in the crossfire of this violence. The destruction of life and the environment through airstrikes and military engagement cannot lead to a lasting or just peace.

Therefore, we call for:

- **An Immediate Ceasefire:** We urge all parties to halt military operations immediately to prevent further loss of life and regional destabilization.
- **A Return to Diplomacy:** We call upon our government to prioritize nonviolent, diplomatic engagement and to honor international law over preemptive military action.
- **The Protection of Civilians:** We hold in the Light all those suffering from the consequences of this war, praying for the safety of families in Iran and for the wisdom of those in power.

We encourage our members to speak truth to power by contacting their representatives, participating in peaceful vigils, and providing spiritual and material support to those affected by this conflict. We refuse to accept that war is inevitable. We choose instead the path of peace, which requires more courage and more persistence than the path of violence.

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