



# LABOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE

**Whereas,** Israel continues its historic campaign of genocide and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people, many victims of which include workers, children, entire families, the elderly, and the disabled; and

**Whereas,** at least 215 Palestinians in Gaza have been killed, including 61 children, as of May 18th. Palestinian children deserve a future and to grow up without the loss of their parents to atrocious violence; and

**Whereas,** the entire world mobilized in unprecedented mass protest on May 15th, marking the 73rd anniversary of what the Palestinian and Arab peoples as a whole know as al-Nakba—the Catastrophe. To make way for the creation of the Israeli apartheid state, more than half of the Palestinian population was driven out of their homeland by means of violent terror; and

**Whereas,** Ashraf Al-A'war, a Secretary of the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions, was detained on May 8th by Israeli security forces and subjected to questioning about his trade union activities. An Israeli court then violated ILO Convention 87 on Freedom of Association by prohibiting him from taking part in any trade union or political gathering for one month; and

**Whereas,** Israeli warplanes bombed entire residential buildings on the heads of Palestinians, all main roads that led to Al Shifa Hospital, the biggest hospital in Gaza, and buildings that hold offices for media agencies. Palestinian and international journalists were arrested, beaten and threatened by Israeli forces; and

**Whereas,** taxpayers in the U.S. government will give \$38 billion to the Israeli military over the next 10 years, funds used to directly aid violence against Palestinians. The U.S. not only funds Israel's military machine unconditionally but also shields Israel from scrutiny at international institutions like the UN; and

**Whereas,** the U.S. labor movement must unite its voice with the international labor community against apartheid, an international crime against humanity. The violence against poor and working Palestinians under the occupation done in our name by our government are our responsibility; and

**Whereas,** Nelson Mandela declared: "We know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians";

**Resolved,** that Game Workers of Southern California (GWSC) expresses its solidarity with the Palestinian's call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS), inspired by the movement that helped end apartheid in South Africa; and

**Resolved,** that Game Workers of Southern California (GWSC) will call on labor bodies to divest from Israel bonds, and cut ties with the Histadrut, Israel's racist labor federation that aggressively discriminates against Arab workers; and

**Resolved,** that Game Workers of Southern California (GWSC) will stand in solidarity with dock workers in Italy, South Africa, India, Sweden, Norway, Turkey, the US west coast, and elsewhere, who refuse to handle military or any other cargo destined for Israel; and

**Be it further resolved,** that Game Workers of Southern California (GWSC) will be diligent in pressing its labor bodies and elected officials in its networks to lobby the U.S. government to end all aid to Israel; and

**Be it finally resolved,** that Game Workers of Southern California (GWSC) supports Labor Against Racism and War (L.A.R.W.) as a vehicle to organize for international worker solidarity and will affiliate or re-affiliate, with L.A.R.W.