

Resolution No. 143-2020

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Opposing an unauthorized United States
war on Iran

Council Members B. Jones and J. Jones

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2020, the President of the United States ordered the assassination of Iranian general Qasem Soleimani on Iraqi soil; and

WHEREAS, no state of war presently exists between the United States and Iran and any attack in or against Iran without congressional authorization is a violation of the laws and Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, this Council further believes this attack was a violation of international law; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has threatened further strikes on up to 52 critically important sites in Iran, action that would inevitably result in a wider and much more dangerous conflict that would have enormous and negative consequences for tens of millions of people in the region; as well as for the economies and civil societies of nations around the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, waging an unnecessary and unauthorized war would result in the diversion of national and local resources from Cleveland, the U.S. and the world; and would create needless human suffering for people and families everywhere; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council opposes an unauthorized United States war on Iran.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and all members of the United States Congress.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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