

MINUTE IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR PALESTINIAN CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. July 28-August 1, 2021

Spirit leads Lake Erie Yearly Meeting to reaffirm support for the American Friends Service Committee's No Way to Treat a Child campaign which "seeks to challenge and end Israel's prolonged military occupation by exposing widespread and systematic ill-treatment of Palestinian children in the Israeli military detention system."

We Friends believe that no child should be denied due process or be tortured, and that this work is supported by our testimonies of Peace, Equality, Integrity, and Community. We recognize our own country's history of settler colonialism, anti-Black discrimination, and our recent separation of families and inhumane detention of immigrant children.

We applaud the AFSC campaign's newly expanded focus that opposes the demolition of Palestinian homes, displacement of families, and annexation of their land--all in violation of International Law. This broadening of purpose reflects new legislation now gaining support in Congress.

We call upon F/friends in our communities to learn about these violations of International Law and to join with AFSC's expanded No Way to Treat a Child campaign to support legislation that protects Palestinian children, their families and communities and eliminates U.S. funding that may be used to oppress them and violate their human rights.