

## RESOLUTION

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON SUPPORTING A CALL FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO CUT OFF ALL U.S. SUPPORT FOR SAUDI ARABIAN AND U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS IN YEMEN**

Whereas: The village of Hastings-on-Hudson and its residents have a tradition of acting on behalf of human rights and human needs both inside and outside Hastings-on-Hudson and expressing concerns on issues of peace and justice; and

Whereas: Local governments throughout the United States periodically take institutional responsibility to represent the concerns of their residents to state and federal officials on national issues that are particularly outrageous and offend the consciences of their residents; and

Whereas: The current war in Yemen has to date killed tens of thousands of civilians, including an estimated 85,000 children; and according to the United Nations (UN) puts 14 million people at risk of death through starvation; and is thus described by the UN as “the world’s greatest humanitarian disaster”; and

Whereas: The United States is providing weapons and other forms of military support to Saudi Arabia, resulting in civilian casualties in Yemen; and

Whereas, United States’ support for the Saudi war contributes to a situation that makes it impossible for aid agencies to adequately assist the Yemeni civilian population; and

Whereas: The United States is launching drone attacks in Yemen, contributing to suffering of the Yemeni people; and

Whereas: The United States’ active participation in bringing suffering to the Yemeni people is an unbearable weight on the consciences of the people of Hastings-on- Hudson, NY; and

Whereas: The people of Hastings-on-Hudson are represented in Congress by Representative Eliot Engel, who will become chair of the House of Representatives’ Committee on Foreign Relations in January 2019; and

Whereas: Congresswoman Nita Lowey has until recently represented residents of Hastings on Hudson and is incoming chair of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations;

Therefore: We, the Hastings-on-Hudson Board of Trustees, call on Congressman Engel and Congresswoman Lowey to pledge to work jointly to: (1) expose the full extent of U.S. military aid to Saudi Arabia for its military operations in Yemen as well as U.S. direct military operations there; and (2) cut off all military assistance and sales to Saudi Arabia and all funding for U.S. military operations there.