



Resolution # 22-08-01

**RESOLUTION REGARDING KILLING OF AL JAZEERA JOURNALIST
SHIREEN ABU AKLEH**

WHEREAS, the murder of Palestinian American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh on May 11, 2022 while reporting on an Israeli military raid in the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank was perpetrated by a member of the Israeli Defense Forces, according to eyewitness testimony from other journalists, forensic evidence and forensic analysis by the Israeli human rights organization, B'Tselem; investigation by CNN and other agencies;

WHEREAS, pallbearers and mourners were attacked by Israeli police during Abu Akleh's funeral procession on May 25, 2022, and Israel's investigation found that officers acted beyond their authority;

WHEREAS, 57 U.S. Members of Congress signed a letter led by Representative Lou Correa asking the State Department and FBI for an independent investigation into the killing of Abu Akleh, on June 23rd, 23 U.S. Senators reiterated that call, and the Democratic Party of Orange County Central Committee passed legislative support of H.R.2590 - Defending the Human Rights of Palestinian Children and Families Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act on May 24, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County urges the U.S. State Department and our congressional delegation to support an independent, international investigation into the killings of Abu Akleh to facilitate appropriate accountability for those responsible for her death; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County urges Congress and the administration to take seriously their obligation to follow U.S. and international law that bars military aid to violators of human rights.

Submitted by:

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**Adopted by the Democratic Party of Orange County
Central Committee on August 22, 2022**