



## **A Resolution to Support Peace and Secular Democracy in Bangladesh**

Whereas, Bangladesh has been engulfed by widespread protests against the ruling government over the last several weeks;

Whereas, according to human rights groups and international media, the protests have devolved into mass violence and pogroms against Hindus and other religious minorities, and has resulted in numerous temples, homes, and businesses attacked or destroyed;

Whereas, protestors have been subjected to violence and excesses at the hands of police and security forces;

Whereas, we unequivocally condemn the ongoing violence in Bangladesh and express our solidarity with the victims and their families;

Whereas, we call on the US State Department to work with the interim Bangladesh government to provide justice, rehabilitation, and restitution to the victims;

Whereas, we further urge the US State Department to work with the interim Bangladesh government to protect religious minorities and all Bangladeshis from further violence, restore law and order, and move towards establishing a secular democratic government;

Be it Resolved, by the \_\_\_\_\_ (*legislative body*) of the \_\_\_\_\_ (*city/county/school district/state*), that the \_\_\_\_\_ (*legislative body*) hereby condemns the targeted violence against Bangladesh's Hindu minority and urges the newly formed Government of Bangladesh to protect religious minorities, restore peace, and create a secular democracy committed to religious tolerance; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of \_\_\_\_\_ (*legislative body*) transmit copies of this resolution to \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of local Hindu temple/organization/school district & address*).