

1 [RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO SUPPORTING A  
2 FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE]

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4 **Resolution supporting the establishment of a Federal Department of Peace and**  
5 **Nonviolence.**

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7 WHEREAS, On February 5, 2007, Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich (D-OH)  
8 introduced in the United States House of Representatives of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress proposed  
9 federal legislation (H.R. 808) to create a United States Department of Peace and  
10 Nonviolence, which has garnered to date the co-sponsorship of fifty-nine (59) members of the  
11 United States House of Representatives; and

12 WHEREAS, The proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of  
13 Peace and Nonviolence will establish a cabinet-level department that will be headed by a  
14 Secretary of Peace and Nonviolence, who will advise the President on issues that are both  
15 domestic and international in scope; and,

16 WHEREAS, The proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of  
17 Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City and County of San Francisco by holding peace  
18 as an organizing principle of American society, which will change the tone of society; and,

19 WHEREAS, The proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of  
20 Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City and County of San Francisco by supporting  
21 existing programs and developing new programs to cope with and reduce the number and  
22 frequency of incidents related to domestic violence, child and spousal abuse, school violence,  
23 gang violence, gun violence, racial or ethnic violence, and violence against gays, lesbians,  
24 bisexuals, and transgender individuals, which will assist members of our Police Department in  
25 experiencing fewer dangerous encounters, especially while making routine runs; and,

1           WHEREAS, The proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of  
2 Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City and County of San Francisco by developing and  
3 distributing to the states and their schools a peace curriculum and supporting materials for  
4 building communicative peace skills, nonviolent conflict resolution skills, and knowledge of  
5 mediation procedures; and,

6           WHEREAS, The proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of  
7 Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City and County of San Francisco by encouraging and  
8 supporting development of conflict resolution and violence prevention initiatives from within  
9 the community, including its religious and non-governmental organizations, thus creating  
10 greater community involvement and thereby a strong, stable, cohesive civil society in and  
11 around the City and County of San Francisco; and,

12           WHEREAS, Many local government agencies, including, but not limited to, Atlanta,  
13 Georgia; Berkeley, California; Cambridge, Massachusetts; Chicago, Illinois; Cleveland, Ohio;  
14 Detroit, Michigan; Kauai, Hawaii; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Oakland, California; Palo Alto,  
15 California; San Jose, California; and Santa Cruz, California, have expressed their support of  
16 the proposed federal legislation by adopting similar resolutions; now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports and endorses the  
18 proposed federal legislation (H.R. 808) to create a United States Department of Peace and  
19 Nonviolence.  
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