

RESOLUTION NO. 72958

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN
JOSE SUPPORTING A FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF
PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE**

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2005, Representative Dennis Kucinich of Ohio introduced in the United States House of Representatives of the 109th Congress proposed federal legislation (H.R. 3760) to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2005, Senator Mark Dayton of Minnesota introduced in the United States Senate of the 109th Congress proposed federal legislation (S. 1756) to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence; and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence will support existing programs and develop new programs to cope with and reduce the number and frequency of domestic violence, child and spousal abuse, school violence, gang violence, racial or ethnic violence, and violence against gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender individuals, which will assist members of our Police Department in experiencing fewer dangerous encounters, especially while making routine runs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City of San José by developing and distributing a curriculum and supporting materials to schools to facilitate building skills focused on peaceful communication techniques, nonviolent conflict resolution skills, and knowledge of mediation procedures; and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence would encourage the development of conflict resolution and

violence prevention initiatives from within communities in San José, including its religious and nongovernmental organizations, thus creating greater community involvement and thereby a strong, stable, and cohesive civil society; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San José has studied the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence and has staged public discussion regarding the bill and has decided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT the City of San José supports and endorses the proposed federal legislation (H.R. 3760 and S. 1756) to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence.

ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: CAMPOS, CHAVEZ, CHIRCO, CORTESE, LeZOTTE,
NGUYEN, PYLE, REED, WILLIAMS, YEAGER;
GONZALES

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

DISQUALIFIED: NONE

RON GONZALES
Mayor

ATTEST:

LEE PRICE, CMC
City Clerk

