



**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING A FEDERAL
DEPARTMENT OF PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE**

- WHEREAS, on February 5, 2007, Representative Dennis Kucinich, Democrat of Ohio, for himself and on behalf of 51 other members of the United States House of Representatives, introduced House Bill 808 (HR 808) in the United States House of Representatives to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence, which has since garnered the co-sponsorship of more than sixty-eight (68) members of the United States House of Representatives; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence will establish a cabinet-level Department of Peace and Nonviolence, which will be headed by a Secretary of Peace who will advise the President on issues that are both domestic and international in scope; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City of Traverse City by holding peace as an organizing principle of American society, which will change the tone of the society; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City of Traverse City by supporting existing programs and developing new programs that relate to the societal challenges of domestic violence, school violence, gang violence, guns, racial or ethnic violence, violence against gays and lesbians, and police-community relations and disputes, 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 Traverse City by promoting the development and distribution to the states and their schools a peace curriculum and supporting materials for building communicative peace skills, nonviolent conflict resolutions skills, and knowledge of peace processes; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City of Traverse City by encouraging and supporting the development of nonviolent conflict resolution and violence prevention initiatives from within the community, including its religious groups and non-governmental organizations, thus creating greater community involvement and thereby a strong, stable, cohesive civil society in and around the city; now, therefore, be it,

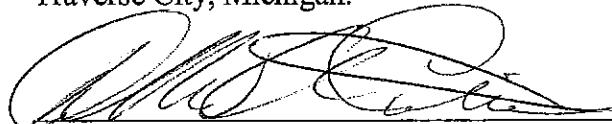
RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Traverse City supports and endorses the proposed federal legislation (HR 808) to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Traverse City urges Congressman Dave Camp sign on as a co-sponsor of the proposed federal legislation (HR 808) to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence and to use the powers of their office to otherwise actively support its passage among their colleagues in Congress; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Traverse City urges U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin to introduce a companion Bill into the United States Senate to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence and actively support its passage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk submit a copy of this resolution to Congressman Dave Camp and U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the City Commission of the City of Traverse City at its regular meeting held on December 3, 2007, in the Commission Chambers, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan.



Debra A. Curtiss, CMC
City Clerk