

RESOLUTION NO. 07-3537

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF HR  
808 (KUCINICH), CREATING A FEDERAL  
DEPARTMENT OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES  
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, HR 808 (Kucinich) would 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 would establish a cabinet-level  
department that will be headed by a Secretary of Peace and Nonviolence, who  
will advise the President on issues that are both domestic and international in  
scope; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence will  
focus on working to reduce and eliminate weapons and nuclear arms both on  
foreign and domestic soil as well as to gather information and document human  
rights abuses both domestic and international violations; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence  
would be responsible for a statewide distribution to schools of a peace curriculum  
and supporting materials for building communicative peace skills, nonviolent  
conflict resolutions skills, and the knowledge of peace processes; and

WHEREAS, HR 808 would foster the development of conflict resolution  
and violence presentation initiatives within communities; and

WHEREAS, HR 808 has sixty-three (63) co-sponsors from the U.S.  
House of Representatives, including Rep. Brad Sherman, 27<sup>th</sup> District; Rep.  
Diane Watson, 33<sup>rd</sup> District and Rep. Maxine Waters, 35<sup>th</sup> District; and

WHEREAS, HR 808 would provide other tools and models for conflict  
resolution rather than violence and war; and

WHEREAS, the passage of HR 808 and the creation of the United States  
Department of Peace and Nonviolence would be a powerful message to the  
world that the United States is truly committed to being a leader for peace; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood has supported federal, state and  
local legislation against hate crimes, violence against women in all its forms,  
domestic violence, human and civil rights initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the City of West Hollywood became one of the first cities in the United States to adopt a resolution in opposition to US military action in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood is committed to fostering non-violence in the community and actively supports and produces programming consistent with the tenets of non-violence:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby supports HR, 808, to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence; and

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby urges Rep Henry Waxman, Rep. Howard Berman, Rep Adam B. Schiff, Rep. Xavier Becerra, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, and Rep. Jane Harman to sign on as a co-sponsors of the HR 808 and to use the powers of their office to otherwise actively support its passage among their colleagues in Congress; and

BE IT FUTHER REOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby urges U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer to introduce a companion bill to the US Senate to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence and to actively support its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2007 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	Guarriello, Heilman, Land, Mayor Pro Tempore Prang, Mayor Duran
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

  
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JOHN J. DURAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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THOMAS R. WEST, CITY CLERK