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

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

WHEREAS, On February 5, 2007, Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich (D-OH) introduced in the United States House of Representatives of the 110th Congress proposed federal legislation (H.R. 808) to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence, which has garnered to date the co-sponsorship of fifty-nine (59) 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 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 proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City and County of San Francisco by holding peace as an organizing principle of American society, which will change the tone of society; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City and County of San Francisco by supporting existing programs and developing new programs to cope with and reduce the number and frequency of incidents related to domestic violence, child and spousal abuse, school violence, gang violence, gun 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 and County of San Francisco by developing and distributing to the states and their schools a peace curriculum and supporting materials for building communicative peace skills, 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 will benefit the City and County of San Francisco by encouraging and supporting development of conflict resolution and violence prevention initiatives from within the community, including its religious and non-governmental organizations, thus creating greater community involvement and thereby a strong, stable, cohesive civil society in and around the City and County of San Francisco; and,

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

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



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March 13, 2007 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Alioto-Pier, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Jew, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Excused: 3 - Ammiano, Maxwell, McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 13, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.