

**A RENEWED COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND DIPLOMACY:  
A CABINET LEVEL DEPARTMENT OF PEACE**

Whereas, Our unilateral, preemptive war against Iraq has alienated our allies, demonstrated U.S. indifference to international concerns and increased recruits for terrorist groups bent on fighting our country; and

Whereas, conflict in all relationships is inevitable; and

Whereas, Two hundred seventy million people died in the twentieth century when conflicts were addressed with military and political force; and

Whereas, Military and political forces are expensive and starve our nation of the resources needed to create a strong, healthy society; and

Whereas, Nonviolent mediation has proved successful in seemingly insoluble conflicts, ranging from India's struggle for independence to the great strides made towards integration in the U.S.; and

Whereas, Implementing nonviolent approaches for domestic programs and foreign mediation requires broad understanding, research and a concerted effort; and

Whereas, There is no single government entity assigned to deal with these various issues and report to the American people the status of our efforts to achieve these goals; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That we strengthen security in our country and in the world by:

- \* Rejecting a foreign policy of preemptive, unilateral war,
- \* Working with the world community through the United Nations, and
- \* Supporting international agreements such as the Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty, the Biological and Chemical Weapons Conventions, the Small Arms Treaty, the International Criminal Court and the Kyoto Climate Treaty; and be it further
- \* Resolved, That a Cabinet level Department of Peace be established to study and advance non-violence as the organizing principle in all human relations from families and neighborhoods to courts and congresses, both nationwide and internationally.

Submitted to and Adopted by Precinct Number \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County

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