

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION
OF A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF PEACE**

WHEREAS, On February 5, 2007, during the 110th Congress, the Honorable Dennis Kucinich, United States Representative from Ohio, has introduced legislation, H.R. 808 that will create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence; and

WHEREAS, with the initial co-sponsorship and support of 52 Congressmen and Congresswomen, this bill promotes peace as an organizing principle and endeavors to expand human rights by developing policies that will promote both national and international conflict prevention through nonviolent intervention, structured mediation and peaceful resolution of conflict; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation to establish a cabinet-level Department of Peace and Nonviolence will be reintroduced in the United States Senate during the 110th Congress, and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation will benefit the State of Oklahoma by providing much needed assistance to the efforts by city, county, and state governments in coordinating existing programs that relate to the domestic challenges of violence. The proposed legislation will provide new programs that address the societal challenges of domestic violence, school violence, gun violence, violence related to gangs, drugs, racial, ethnic and sexual-orientation violence, as well as conflicts between the police and the community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will benefit ALL citizens by eventually reducing the need for federal spending on the military, while supporting our troops with alternative approaches to peace building.

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health and safety now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED, that we, _____,
gathered here on this _____ of _____, 2007 C.E., do support the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence and hereby encourage the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to sign on as sponsors of the proposed legislation, and to further encourage the United States Congress to make the passage of this legislation a high national priority.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, the Honorable Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, the Honorable Minority Leader of the House, John Boehner, the Honorable Senate Majority leader, Harry Reid, the Senate Minority leader, Mitch McConnell, the Honorable President of the Senate, Richard Cheney and the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States.