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**City of Las Cruces**<sup>®</sup>  
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**Council Action and Executive Summary**

Item # 2 Ordinance/Resolution# 09-316 Council District:     

For Meeting of June 22, 2009  
 (Adoption Date)

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE.

**PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:**

To support the creation of a Federal Department of Peace and Nonviolence.

<b>Name of Drafter:</b> Esther Martinez <i>EM</i>		<b>Department:</b> City Clerk		<b>Phone:</b> 541-2115	
<b>Department</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Originating Department			Budget	<i>Richard Delgado</i>	2300
			Assistant City Manager		
Legal	<i>MAW</i>	2128	City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2076

**BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:**

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

Fund Name / Account Number	Amount of Expenditure	Budget Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A

1. Resolution/Ordinance.
2. Attachment "A" – City of Silver City; Resolution No. 2006-22.
3. Attachment "B" – City of Albuquerque; Resolution 2008-068

**OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Vote yes and approve the resolution.
2. Modify the resolution.
3. Vote no and deny the resolution.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-316****A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE.**

The City Council is informed that:

**WHEREAS**, on February 5, 2007, Rep. 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 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 Las Cruces 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 Las Cruces 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 the Las Cruces 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 Las Cruces 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

**WHEREAS**, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City of Las Cruces by encouraging and supporting the development of nonviolent conflict resolution and violence prevention initiatives from with 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence has sixty eight (68) co-sponsors of the members of the United States House of Representatives.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

**(I)**

**THAT**, that the Mayor and City Council supports and endorses the proposed federal legislation (HR 808) to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence.

**(II)**

**THAT**, the City Council urges the New Mexico's United States Representatives to sign on as co-sponsors of the proposed federal legislation (HR 808) to create a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence and to use the powers of their offices to otherwise actively support its passage among their colleagues in Congress.

(III)

THAT, the City Council urges the New Mexico's United States Senators 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.

(IV)

THAT, City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

VOTE:

- Mayor Miyagishima: \_\_\_\_\_
- Councillor Silva: \_\_\_\_\_
- Councillor Connor: \_\_\_\_\_
- Councillor Archuleta: \_\_\_\_\_
- Councillor Small: \_\_\_\_\_
- Councillor Jones: \_\_\_\_\_
- Councillor Thomas: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION 2006-22****SUPPORTING PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO CREATE  
A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF PEACE**

**WHEREAS**, During the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, which began its session on January 1, 2005, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace was reintroduced into the House of Representatives with currently sixty-three (63) committed co-sponsors, and newly introduced into the Senate with two (2) committed co-sponsors; and

**WHEREAS**, The proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace will establish a cabinet-level Department of Peace, 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 Department of Peace will consist of seven (7) offices including an Office of Peace Education and Training, an Office of International Peace Activities, an Office of Technology for Peace, an Office of Arms Control and Disarmament, an Office of Peaceful Coexistence and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution, an Office of Human Rights and Economic Rights, and an Office of Domestic Peace Activities whose responsibilities are: 1) to develop policies that increase awareness about intervention and counseling on domestic violence and conflict; 2) to develop policy alternatives for the treatment of drug and alcohol abuse; 3) to develop new policies and build on existing programs responsive to the prevention of crime, including the development of community policing strategies and peaceful settlement skills among police and other public safety officers; and 4) to develop community-based strategies for celebrating diversity and promoting tolerance; and

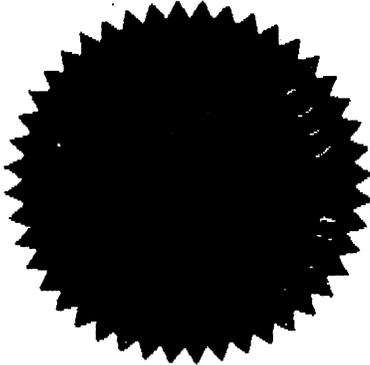
**WHEREAS**, The proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace will benefit the Town of Silver City by holding peace as an organizing principle for the American Society, which will change the tone of the society; and

**WHEREAS**, The proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace will also benefit the Town of Silver City by developing new programs that relate to the societal challenges of domestic violence, school violence, guns, racial or ethnic violence, violence against gays and lesbians, and police-community relations 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 will further benefit the Town of Silver City by encouraging the development of initiatives from the community, its religious groups and its non-governmental organizations, which will cause greater community involvement thereby creating a stronger Town; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Silver City Town Council adopts this resolution in favor of the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Silver City Town Council adopts this resolution and encourages its sponsorship by Senator Jeff Bingaman, Senator Pete Domenici, and Representative Steve Pearce of the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace.



*James R. Marshall*  
James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

*Jane Toomajanian*  
Jane Toomajanian, Town Clerk

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE EIGHTEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-08-66 ENACTMENT NO. R-2008-068

SPONSORED BY: Rey Garduño

## RESOLUTION

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12 WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States  
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 14 members of the United States House of Representatives.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
 16 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

17 Section 1. That the City Council supports and endorses the proposed  
 18 federal legislation (HR 808) to create a United States Department of Peace and  
 19 Nonviolence.

20 Section 2. That the City Council urges New Mexico's United States  
 21 Representatives to sign on as co-sponsors of the proposed federal legislation  
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 24 among their colleagues in Congress.

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 27 a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence and actively support its  
 28 passage.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 27  
2nd DAY OF June, 2008  
2 BY A VOTE OF: 6 FOR 2 AGAINST.

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5 **Against: Jones, Mayer**  
6 **Excused: Harris**

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11 **Brad Winter, President**  
12 **City Council**

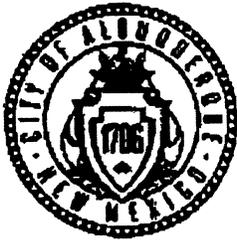
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14 APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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17 **Bill No. R-08-66**

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21 **Martin J. Chávez, Mayor**  
22 **City of Albuquerque**

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26 **ATTEST:**  
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29 **City Clerk** *(not original by Mayor)*

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Martin J. Chavez, Mayor

Randy M. Autio, Interim City Clerk

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June 11, 2008

To: Office of the City Clerk File  
From: Randy M. Autio, Interim City Clerk  
Subject: Bill No R-08-66, Enactment No R-2008-068

I hereby certify the Office of the City Clerk received Bill No R-08-66 as signed by the President of the City Council. Enactment No. R-2008-068 was passed at the Council meeting of June 2, 2008. Pursuant to Article XI, Section 3, City Charter, this Resolution is in full effect without Mayor's approval or signature due to the expiration of the Ten days allowed for his signature. This memorandum shall be placed in permanent file for Bill No. R-08-66.

  
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Randy M. Autio  
Interim City Clerk