CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

06-R-0951

A RESOLUTION
BY COUNCILMEMBER FELICIA A. MOORE

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2005, Representative Dennis Kucinich introduced H.R. 3760, the bill authorizing a federal cabinet-level Department of Peace and Nonviolence, in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2005, Senator Mark Dayton introduced S. 1756, the bill authorizing the Department of Peace and Nonviolence in the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Peace and Nonviolence 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 and Nonviolence will consist of seven (7) offices including:

An Office of Peace Education and Training whose responsibility, in cooperation with the Secretary of Education is to develop a peace curriculum and supporting materials for distribution to the Department of Education in each state and territory for the building of communicative peace skills, nonviolent conflict resolution skills, and other objectives to increase knowledge of peace processes, including the **development of a Peace Academy;**

An Office of Domestic Peace Activities whose responsibilities are to 1) develop policies that increase awareness about intervention and counseling on domestic violence and conflict, 2) develop policy alternatives for the treatment of drug and alcohol abuse, 3) 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) develop community based strategies for celebrating diversity and promoting tolerance;

An Office of International Peace **Activities** whose responsibilities are to 1) provide for the training and deployment of all Peace Academy graduates and other nonmilitary conflict prevention and peacemaking personnel, 2) sponsor country and regional conflict prevention and dispute resolution initiatives in countries experiencing social, political, and economic strife, 3) to advocate the creation of a multinational nonviolent peace force, 4) provide training for the administration of post-conflict reconstruction and demobilization in war-tom societies, and 5) provide for the exchange between individuals of the U.S. and other nations who are endeavoring to develop domestic and international peace-based initiatives;

An Office of Technology for Peace whose responsibilities are to 1) carry out the functions in the Department affecting the awareness, study, and impact of developing new technologies on the creation and maintenance of domestic and international peace, 2) provide grants for the research and development of technologies in transportation, communications, and energy that are nonviolent in their application and encourage the conservation and sustainability of natural resources in order to prevent future conflicts regarding scarce resources;

An Office of Arms Control and Disarmament whose responsibilities are to 1) advise the Secretary of Peace on all interagency discussions and all international negotiations regarding the reduction and elimination of weapons of mass destruction throughout the world including the dismantling of such weapons and the safe and secure storage of related materials, 2) assist nations, international agencies and nongovernmental organizations in assessing the locations of the buildup of nuclear arms, 3) develop nonviolent strategies to deter the testing or use of offensive or defensive nuclear weapons, whether based on land, air, sea, or in outer space, 4) serve as a depository for copies of all contracts, agreements, and treaties that deal with the reduction and elimination of nuclear weapons or the protection of outer space from militarization, and 5) provide technical support and legal assistance for the implementation of such agreements;

An Office of Peaceful Coexistence and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution whose responsibilities are to 1) carry out those functions in the Department affecting research and analysis relating to creating initiating, and modeling approaches to peaceful coexistence and nonviolent conflict resolution, 2) study the impact of war, especially on the physical and mental condition of children which shall include the effect of war on the environment and public health, 3) publish a monthly journal of the activities of the Department and encourage scholarly participation, 4) gather information on effective community peace building activities and disseminate such information to local governments and nongovernmental organizations in the U.S. and abroad, 5) research the effect of violence in the media and make such reports available to the Congress annually, and 6) sponsor conferences throughout the U.S. to create awareness of the work of the department; and

An Office of Human Rights and Economic Rights whose responsibilities are to 1) carry out those functions of the Department supporting the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights passed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948, 2) assist the Secretary of Peace, in cooperation with the Secretary of State, in furthering the incorporation of principles of human rights, as enunciated in the United Nations General Assembly Resolution of December 10, 1948, into all agreements between the U.S. and other nations to help reduce the causes of violence, 3) gather information on and document human rights abuses, both domestically and internationally, and recommend to the Secretary of Peace nonviolent responses to correct abuses, 4) make such findings available to other agencies in order to facilitate nonviolent conflict resolution, 5) conduct economic analyses of the scarcity of human and natural resources as a source of conflict and to make recommendations to the Secretary of Peace for nonviolent prevention of such scarcity, nonviolent intervention in case of scarcity, and the development of programs of assistance for people experiencing such scarcity, whether due to armed conflict, maldistribution of resources, or natural causes, and 6) assist the Secretary of Peace, in cooperation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Treasury, in developing strategies regarding the sustainability and the management of the distribution of funds from international agencies, the conditions regarding the receipt of such funds, and the impact of those conditions on the peace and stability of the recipient nations;

WHEREAS, the Department of Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City of Atlanta by holding peace as an organizing principle for the American Society, which will change the tone of the society; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City of Atlanta 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 Department of Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City of Atlanta by encouraging the development of initiatives from the community, its religious groups and its nongovernmental organizations, which will cause greater community involvement thereby creating a stronger city; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Peace and Nonviolence will benefit the City of Atlanta by directing funds to the states and cities to assist in developing and implementing new initiatives to reduce violence;
WHEREAS, City Councils in 13 cities have passed resolutions in support of the U.S. Department of Peace and Nonviolence, including Detroit, MI; Hamtramck MI; Phoenix, AZ; Cleveland, OH; Berkeley, CA; Santa Cruz, CA; Palo Alto, CA; San Jose, CA; Sabastopol, CA; Oakland, CA; Cambridge, MA; Lincoln City, OR; Kauai County, HI; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3760, the Department of Peace bill now has sixty-three (63) sponsors including the U.S. Representatives for the City of Atlanta, Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, Democrat, Georgia 4th Congressional District, and Congressman John Lewis, Democrat, Georgia 5th Congressional District;

WHEREAS, citizens from 12 countries gathered in London, UK in October of 2005 to further the cause of establishing Departments and Ministries of Peace, and five countries have active citizen campaigns to establish such institutions, including Australia, Canada, Japan, United Kingdom, and the United States;

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is home to internationally recognized peace institutions, including The Carter Center and The King Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta City Council hereby adopts this resolution in favor of the U.S. Department of Peace and Nonviolence.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council is hereby directed to distribute a true copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and all members of Congress.

A true copy,
Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED by the Council — **May 1, 2006**
RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403 — **May 10, 2006**

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Atlanta City Council

REGULAR SESSION

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ADOPT

YEAS:	12
NAYS:	2
ABSTENTIONS:	0
NOT VOTING:	1
EXCUSED:	0
ABSENT	1

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
B Hall	N Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	N Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Sheperd	NV Borders

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A RESOLUTION

Councilmember Felicia A. Moore

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- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
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- ☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- ☑ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 04/17/05

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd Readings

☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☑ RC Vote

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