

## Department of Peace

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5 **WHEREAS**, conflict occurs in relationships occasionally, between individuals,  
6 neighbors, and nations; and military conflicts in the twentieth century alone have killed  
7 millions of people, most of them innocent civilian women and children; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the United States has appropriated more than \$480 billion for Defense and  
10 Homeland Security for FY2006, spending more than the next twenty nations combined  
11 on military preparations; and that it has conducted a unilateral, preemptive war against  
12 Iraq without the approval of the U.N. and many of our allies, with supplementary costs  
13 for this war of more than \$240 billion; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, non-violent methods of resistance have been successful in conflicts where  
16 violence did not succeed, ranging from India's struggle for independence, to breaking  
17 down the walls of the Cold War, to the great strides made towards integration in the  
18 United States; and implementing nonviolent approaches for domestic programs and  
19 foreign mediation requires broad education, understanding, research, and a concerted  
20 effort; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, there is no single government entity assigned to report to the American  
23 people the status of efforts to achieve these goals; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, H. R. 3760 has been introduced into the United States Congress, to  
26 establish a Department of Peace, a bill which has 63 cosponsors; and introduced into the  
27 United States Senate, as S. Bill 1756 with 2 cosponsors; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, promoting a culture of peace and nonviolence has been recognized by the  
30 United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) through  
31 passage of a resolution declaring an International Decade for a Culture of Peace and  
32 Nonviolence for the Children 2001-2010;

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34 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Democrats of the State of Washington hereby  
35 direct their Congressional Delegation to support and cosponsor a Cabinet level  
36 Department of Peace & Nonviolence to be established to study and advance peace and  
37 nonviolence as the organizing principles in all human relations from families and  
38 neighborhoods, to courts and congresses, both nationwide and internationally; and

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40 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Congressional Delegation of the  
41 State of Washington strengthen security in the United States and the world community  
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1. Rejecting a foreign policy of preemptive, unilateral war;
2. Working with the world community through the United Nations; and
3. Supporting international agreements such as the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, the Biological and Chemical Weapons Conventions, the Small Arms Treaty, the International Criminal Court, the Land Mines Treaty, and the Kyoto Climate Treaty; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted the State of Washington’s Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States.

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Endorsed by the following Delegates to the 2006 Democratic State Convention

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