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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-61

INTRODUCED BY:

**Councilor Chavez
Mayor Coss
Councilor Bushee**

A RESOLUTION

**CALLING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO PETITION THE PRESIDENT AND THE
UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE COMBAT OPERATIONS
IN IRAQ, END THE OCCUPATION, AND SAFELY BRING HOME ALL AMERICAN
TROOPS.**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Santa Fe and their local elected officials have the constitutional right to petition the federal government on matters of grave concern to our community; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe is The City of Holy Faith, whose residents hold high the sanctity of human life; and

WHEREAS, war is not a humane or effective means of resolving international conflicts; it dehumanizes all people; it causes destruction and waste on an unprecedented scale; and it creates environmental and ecological devastation that takes decades if not centuries to correct; and

WHEREAS, the country and people of Iraq have at no time posed any threat to the

1 United States or its citizens; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe City Council, on October 30, 2002, passed Resolution No.
3 2002-69 voicing its opposition to a preemptive attack on Iraq and urging the exhaustion of all
4 diplomatic avenues in order to avert a war; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in February 2003 Virginia Miller, representing the City of Santa Fe, as part
6 of a contingent of 160 Cities for Peace, went to New York City and Washington, D.C. to present
7 Santa Fe's Resolution opposing U.S. preemptive action against Iraq; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the federal government invaded Iraq in violation of the principles of the
9 United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the rule of international
10 law, all of which the City of Santa Fe has affirmed and endorsed; and

11 **WHEREAS**, this use of military force will not provide Americans with the safety and
12 security they need; and

13 **WHEREAS**, this senseless war has brought incalculable misery, death and destruction;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, the war in Iraq, now in its fifth year, has caused the deaths of more than
16 3,500 U.S. service personnel and hundreds of thousands of Iraqis; the physical and psychological
17 wounding and disabling of more than 25,000 U.S. service personnel and hundreds of thousands of
18 Iraqis; the destruction of the homes, communities, and livelihoods of more than 1.7 million Iraqis;
19 and the creation of more than 2 million Iraqi refugees; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the economic cost of this war now exceeds \$450 billion (with estimates of
21 the total cost exceeding \$2 trillion), while the basic services of government in this country have
22 been cut, limiting access to health care, education, housing, infrastructure needs, and public safety
23 for our citizens; and

24 **WHEREAS**, according to the National Priorities Project, the funds spent by Santa Fe
25 taxpayers alone on the war and occupation equal more than \$56,200,000, which instead could

1 have provided enough money for the hiring of 279 school teachers, OR 1,751 Head Start places
2 for young children, OR 588 affordable housing units, OR 3,922 four-year scholarships at public
3 universities, OR health care coverage for 4,167 people each year since the war began; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe citizens have held many protests and local peace organizations
5 and citizens have been demonstrating against the Iraq War every Friday at the intersection of
6 Cerrillos Road and St. Francis Drive since August of 2002 urging the U.S. government to bring
7 our troops home now; and

8 **WHEREAS**, with this resolution Santa Fe will join more than 255 other cities around the
9 country that have passed similar resolutions; and

10 **WHEREAS**, this resolution is supported by the following Santa Fe organizations and
11 religious leaders: Veterans for Peace, Peace Action New Mexico, People for Peace, the New
12 Mexico Department of Peace Initiative, the Network of Spiritual Progressives, Women in Black,
13 Cranes for Peace, the Los Alamos Peace Project, Pax Christi New Mexico, Code Pink, Sister
14 Penny McMullen (Sisters of Loretto), the Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Church, the
15 Forum Committee of the Unitarian Church, Deacon Anthony Trujillo (Guadalupe Church), Rabbi
16 Malka Drucker, Father Richard Murphy, Father Adam Lee Ortega y Ortiz (Santa María de la Paz
17 Catholic Community), Santa Fe Friends Meeting (Quakers), Father John Dear, Azher Saleh
18 (Board of Trustees of the Islamic Society of Northern New Mexico), New Mexico Conference of
19 Churches, the Peace and Social Justice Committee of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of
20 Assisi, the Social Action Committee of Temple Beth Shalom and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe
21 Office of Social Justice.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
23 **CITY OF SANTA FE**, that the Governing Body on behalf of the citizens of Santa Fe urges the
24 United States government to immediately commence an orderly and rapid withdrawal of United
25 States military personnel from Iraq; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the returning troops be ensured compensation and care including full mental and physical health care, education, housing, employment, and disability and rehabilitation benefits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the financial resources used to prosecute the war be redirected to address the urgent needs of the most vulnerable portions of our population in the areas of housing, health care, job creation, and education; and

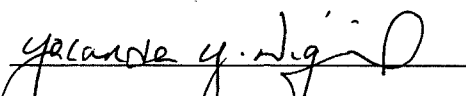
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded immediately to George W. Bush, President of the United States, and all members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2007.



DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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