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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-53

INTRODUCED BY:

- Mayor Coss
- Councilor Wurzbarger
- Councilor Calvert
- Councilor Ives
- Councilor Dimas
- Councilor Rivera

A RESOLUTION

PETITIONING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SAY NO TO ATTACK ON IRAN, NO TO ANY PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE ON IRAN AND NO TO U.S. WEAPONS USED IN AN ATTACK ON IRAN.

WHEREAS, the citizens 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 nor effective means of resolving international conflicts; it dehumanizes all people; it causes destruction and waste on an unprecedented scale; it creates ecological devastation that takes decades if not centuries to correct; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Santa Fe fear that the United States is coming ever closer to starting or being drawn into an attack on Iran; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, the purported justification for attacking Iran is its possible future
2 development of a nuclear weapon; and when U.S. intelligence officials have recently declared
3 there is no evidence that Iran has made the decision to build a nuclear weapon; and that even if it
4 does it is perhaps years away from being able to do so; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Iran has repeatedly stated that it is open to negotiations; and open to
6 diplomatic opportunities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, General Martin Dempsey (Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff), has
8 acknowledged that Iran is a rational player and should be treated as such, and many high ranking
9 State Department and high ranking Pentagon officials took out an ad in the Washington Post (6
10 March 2012) declaring Iran not to be a nuclear threat; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the people and country of Iran do not pose any threat to the United States
12 (in fact, Iran is surrounded by more than 40 U.S. bases); and

13 **WHEREAS**, the present circumstances are alarmingly similar to the false claims of
14 threats of WMDs and nuclear threats that were put forth to induce the public to support the U.S.
15 attack on Iraq; and

16 **WHEREAS**, an attack on Iran threatens to bring the U.S. into another disastrous war in
17 the Middle East just as we are extricating U.S. troops from the deadly and costly Iraq and
18 Afghanistan wars; and

19 **WHEREAS**, an attack on Iran is likely to kill thousands of innocent Iranian civilians and
20 likely to lead to retaliation, endangering thousands more around the world; and

21 **WHEREAS**, General James Mattis, Commander, U.S. Forces Middle East, said: “An
22 Israeli first strike would be likely to have dire consequences across the region, and for U.S. forces
23 there” (New York Times, 3/20/2012); and

24 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. will be held responsible for any attack on Iran, top U.S. military
25 officials have told Congress that any attack is premature and would be imprudent and

1 destabilizing; and any pre-emptive attack on Iran violates international law and commitments
2 under the U.N. Charter; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in June 2011, the United States Conference of Mayors adopted a resolution
4 stating: “The United States Conference of Mayors calls on the President and U.S. Congress to
5 end the wars as soon as strategically possible and bring these war dollars home to meet vital
6 human needs, promote job creation, rebuild our infrastructure, aid municipal and state
7 governments, develop a new economy based upon renewable energy and reduce the federal debt”;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, according to the nonpartisan National Priorities Project the cost of the Iraq
10 and Afghanistan wars has been over \$186,000,000 for the City of Santa Fe alone; and

11 **WHEREAS**, any conflict with Iran is likely to incur far greater costs and divert more
12 precious national resources away from critical human needs in Santa Fe; and

13 **WHEREAS**, we need our tax dollars at home to rebuild and preserve our communities,
14 our land, air, water, our schools, our healthcare system, our infrastructure, and not to engage in
15 another unnecessary, deadly, and costly war; and

16 **WHEREAS**, this resolution is supported by the following Santa Fe organizations:
17 Another Jewish Voice Santa Fe, Veterans for Peace, Occupy Santa Fe, Code Pink, Women in
18 Black, Social Justice Team of the Unitarian Church, We Are People Here, Green Party of Santa
19 Fe County, People for Peace, Los Alamos Study Group, Youth Allies, Amnesty International
20 Group 122, Communication Workers of America, Local 7076.

21 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
22 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the governing body, on behalf of the citizens of Santa Fe, petitions
23 the President and the Congress of the United States to: say **NO** to any attack on Iran; say **NO** to
24 any pre-emptive strike on Iran; say **NO** to U.S. weapons used in an attack on Iran; use diplomacy

1 and **NOT** threats in negotiations with Iran; and to **NOT** allow U.S. planes, weaponry, intelligence
2 or technology be used in a pre-emptive attack on Iran.

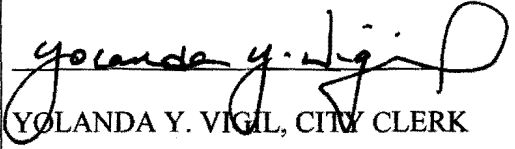
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall forward a copy of this
4 resolution to the President of the United States and to all members of the New Mexico
5 Congressional Delegation.

6 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2012.


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9 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

10 ATTEST:

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13 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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18 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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