

1 [Commending the United Nations' Declaration of September 21st as the International Day of  
2 Peace]

3 **Resolution commending the United Nations' Declaration of September 21st**  
4 **International Day of Peace and calling for all San Franciscans to work for peace both at**  
5 **home and abroad.**  
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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco is the original home of the United Nations, and the San  
8 Francisco Bay Area has a long history of leadership in international peace movements; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1981, the United Nations passed resolution 36/67 declaring an  
10 International Day of Peace, and in 2001, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a new  
11 resolution 55/282 declaring September 21st of each year as the International Day of Peace;  
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13 WHEREAS, Here in San Francisco, we are facing an epidemic of violence in our  
14 communities, destroying lives and families, inhibiting the education of our young people, and  
15 exacerbating a culture of fear, disillusionment, disenfranchisement, and anger that leads to  
16 more violence; and

17 WHEREAS, Since the war in Iraq began in 2003, the homicide rate in San Francisco  
18 has jumped more than 30% above the average of recent years, with 62 homicides in 2001, 68  
19 in 2002, and 69 in 2003, before the number of homicides jumped to 88 in 2004, 94 in 2005,  
20 and currently 69 this year; and

21 WHEREAS, The local culture of violence cannot be viewed in isolation from the global  
22 culture of violence that the Bush Administration has exacerbated by its war of choice in Iraq;  
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1           WHEREAS, The local culture of violence must be addressed with the same  
2 determination, resolve, and urgency that peace activists bring to bear on ending wars abroad;  
3 now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby commends the United  
5 Nations' Declaration of September 21st as the International Day of Peace and supports its  
6 goals to end the war in Iraq and not engage in other "preventive" wars of choice in Iran or any  
7 other nation; and be it

8           FURTHER RESOLVED; That the City and County of San Francisco will take a  
9 systemic approach to ending violence at home by committing to work towards curing the root  
10 causes of the grave disparities that affect our diverse communities, respectfully and without  
11 prejudice within our communities.

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