

RESOLUTION 2006-22

SUPPORTING PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO CREATE A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF PEACE

WHEREAS, During the 109th Congress, which began its session on January 1, 2005, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace was reintroduced into the House of Representatives with currently sixty-three (63) committed co-sponsors, and newly introduced into the Senate with two (2) committed co-sponsors; and

WHEREAS, The proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace will establish a cabinet-level Department of Peace, which 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 will consist of seven (7) offices including an Office of Peace Education and Training, an Office of International Peace Activities, an Office of Technology for Peace, an Office of Arms Control and Disarmament, an Office of Peaceful Coexistence and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution, an Office of Human Rights and Economic Rights, and an Office of Domestic Peace Activities whose responsibilities are: 1) to develop policies that increase awareness about intervention and counseling on domestic violence and conflict; 2) to develop policy alternatives for the treatment of drug and alcohol abuse; 3) to 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) to develop community-based strategies for celebrating diversity and promoting tolerance; and

WHEREAS, The proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace will benefit the Town of Silver City by holding peace as an organizing principle for the American Society, which will change the tone of the society; and

WHEREAS, The proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace will also benefit the Town of Silver City 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 proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace will further benefit the Town of Silver City by encouraging the development of initiatives from the community, its religious groups and its non-governmental organizations, which will cause greater community involvement thereby creating a stronger Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Silver City Town Council adopts this resolution in favor of the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Silver City Town Council adopts this resolution and encourages its sponsorship by Senator Jeff Bingaman, Senator Pete Domenici, and Representative Steve Pearce of the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace.

James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

Jane Toomajanian, Town Clerk