Resolution endorsing the First World March for Peace and Nonviolence, calling for the end of war and nuclear arms, and the elimination of violence of all kinds.

WHEREAS, The world arms race and the build up and proliferation of nuclear weapons leads all communities around the world closer and closer to the danger of nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, The continued use of war and other acts of aggression to resolve conflicts leads only to increased suffering for the innocent and to the further propagation of violence; and,

WHEREAS, All forms of violence, physical, psychological, racial, religious, economic, and sexual, affect the lives of everyone in ever increasing numbers; and

WHEREAS, The majority of world citizens want peace and oppose the arms race; and,

WHEREAS, It is time that the millions of people around the world who are proclaiming that they want an end to war and violence are heard; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco was one of the first cities to pass an anti-war resolution; and,

WHEREAS, The stated intention of the World March is to: achieve the eradication of nuclear weapons; the progressive and proportional reduction of non-nuclear arms; the signing of non-aggression treaties among nations; and the renunciation by governments of war as a way to resolve conflicts; and

WHEREAS, The World March Recognizes and celebrates the best qualities of all diverse cultures; and
WHEREAS, The World March denounces the dangerous world situation that is leading us closer and closer to nuclear war, which would be the greatest catastrophe in human history; and,

WHEREAS, The World March's intent is to generate a worldwide social conscience that condemns all forms of violence (physical, psychological, racial, religious, economic and sexual which is currently so widespread and accepted by societies everywhere; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports and endorses the World March for Peace and Nonviolence, which commenced on October 2, 2009, the International Day of Nonviolence, in New Zealand and will conclude in the Andes Mountains (Punta de Vacas, Aconcagua, Argentina) on January 2, 2010.
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November 17, 2009 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/17/2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom
Date 11-23-09