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January 16, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to adopt Resolution in recognition of an annual Season of Nonviolence from January 30 to April 4.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of January 9, 2007, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By


MICHAEL J. MAIS
Assistant City Attorney

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Enclosure

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1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH IN RECOGNITION OF AN ANNUAL
5 SEASON OF NONVIOLENCE FROM JANUARY 30 TO
6 APRIL 4

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8 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach, the State of California, and our entire
9 nation continue to confront the challenge of violence in the form of hate crimes,
10 brutality, domestic abuse and other forms of inhumanity; and

11 WHEREAS, an awareness of nonviolent principles and practices is a
12 powerful way to heal and transform our lives and communities, to recognize the dignity
13 and worth of every human being, and to promote peace and harmony among all people
14 regardless of race, color, culture, class, language, faith, age, gender, sexual preference
15 or other apparent difference; and

16 WHEREAS, the principles and practices of nonviolence were epitomized
17 in the lives and work of two international leaders, Mahatma Mohandas K. Gandhi and
18 the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

19 WHEREAS, January 30, 2007 marks the anniversary of the assassination
20 of Mahatma Mohandas K. Gandhi and April 4, 2007 marks the anniversary of the
21 assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

22 WHEREAS, the Season of Nonviolence spans 64 days from January 30
23 to April 4 and encompasses numerous events and programs to recognize and
24 demonstrate that nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower our
25 lives and our communities;

26 WHEREAS, during the period January 30, 2007 and April 4, 2007, groups
27 throughout the United States and the world will sponsor projects and programs to
28 create greater awareness and consciousness of the principals and practices of

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1 nonviolence, including symposia on interfaith and inter-racial healing, days of dialogue,
2 prayer, and meditational, artistic and cultural events, essay contests, and special
3 activities for children; and

4 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves
5 as follows:

6 Section 1. That Mayor Bob Foster and the members of the Long Beach
7 City Council do hereby declare that each year the period from January 30 through
8 April 4 is declared to be "A Season of Nonviolence" in the City Long Beach; and
9 programs and projects conducted in the spirit of nonviolence during this season are
10 hereby encouraged and supported, and further that during the annual "Season of
11 Nonviolence" the City will make every effort to include cross cultural and multi-ethnic
12 groups, organizations and individuals in a concerted community outreach and
13 educational effort directed toward the awareness of nonviolent principles and practices.

14 Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by
15 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

16 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council
17 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2007, by the following vote:

18 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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22 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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24 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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City Clerk

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