

**GRANT COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO.R-09-12  
CREATION of a UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of PEACE and NON-VIOLENCE**

**WHEREAS, during the first session of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence was reintroduced into the House of Representatives with currently sixty-five (65) committed Co-sponsors**

**WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence will establish a cabinet-level Department of Peace and Non-Violence which will be headed by a Secretary of Peace who will advise the President on issues that are both domestic and international in scope:**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Peace and Non-Violence 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 Non-Violent Conflict Resolution, an Office of Human Rights and Economic Rights, 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 diversities and promoting tolerance;)**

**WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence will benefit Grant County by holding Peace as an organizing principle of the American Society, which will change the tone of the society;**

**WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence will benefit Grant County by encouraging the development of new programs that relate to societal challenges of domestic violence, school violence, guns, ethnic or racial 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;**

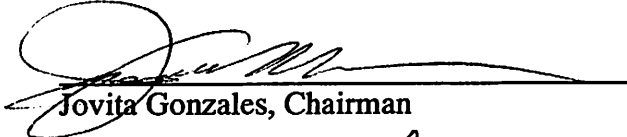
**WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence will benefit Grant County in encouraging the development of initiatives from the community, its religious groups and non-governmental organizations,, which will cause greater community involvement thereby creating a stronger County**

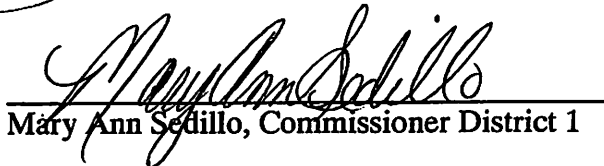
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant County Commission of Grant County, New Mexico adopts this resolution in favor of the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence**

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Grant County Commission of Grant County, New Mexico adopts this resolution and encourages the sponsorship by Senator Jeff Bingaman, Senator Tom Udall and Congressman Harry Teague of the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence.

Passed, Approved and Adopted by the Board of Grant County Commissioners this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2009.

Attest:

  
Jovita Gonzales, Chairman

  
Mary Ann Sedillo, Commissioner District 1

  
Christy Miller, Commissioner District 3

