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## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION recognizing the human and financial costs of the Iraq War and supporting an end to the war in Iraq and a safe return home for our troops.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proposed an escalation in the number of US troops deployed in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, U.S. involvement in Iraq has resulted in the deaths of more than 3,000 U.S. soldiers, including 66 from Washington State; and the wounding and disabling of more than 22,000 U.S. military personnel to date, including 671 from Washington State, with thousands of returnees experiencing post traumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, the estimated number of Iraqi war related deaths now exceeds 600,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed escalation will further extend National Guard tours in Iraq, resulting in additional disruption of family life, financial hardship for individuals, families and businesses, interruption of careers and damage to the fabric of civic life in Seattle communities; and

WHEREAS, American troops, including more than 12,000 Washington residents serving on active duty and in the National Guard, have performed their duties under adverse circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Congress to date has appropriated more than \$357 billion to fund military operations and reconstruction in Iraq leading to likely cuts in funding for critical needs for Seattle residents; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the war to the City of Seattle is more than \$989 million; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure, public safety, and a social safety net are the responsibility of local municipal government and the priority of the Seattle City Council as the budgeting authority for the City of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, absent Federal funds for these municipal priorities, the Seattle City Council will have to choose to reduce services and infrastructure investments or to increase revenues by raising taxes, fees, or assuming additional debt; and

1 WHEREAS, polls show that the vast majority of Americans do not support increasing the  
2 number of troops in Iraq; and

3 WHEREAS, legal experts on all sides have determined that Congress has not only broad  
4 authority, but a long tradition of limiting escalation or forcing redeployment of troops  
5 through the Constitutionally-designate power of the purse.

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THAT:**

8 Section 1. Recognizing the war's financial and human costs to our region, the Seattle City  
9 Council supports an end to US military operations in Iraq, and an expedited and orderly  
10 withdrawal from that country.

11 Section 2. That the Seattle City Council acting on behalf of its fiduciary responsibility to  
12 the residents of Seattle, calls upon the United States government to refrain from escalating its  
13 involvement in Iraq.

14 Section 3. The City of Seattle honors the sacrifices of our men and women in military  
15 service and wishes them to be reunited with their families and communities.

16 Section 4. That the Seattle City Council requests congressional representatives of the  
17 State of Washington, to require the President to obtain explicit approval from Congress before  
18 sending more American troops to Iraq and to support legislation prohibiting the President from  
19 spending taxpayer dollars to escalate the war in Iraq without Congressional approval.

20 Section 5. That the Seattle City Council wishes to allocate the resources saved in bringing  
21 an end to the Iraq War to the growing needs of our local community and to returning veterans.

22 Section 6. That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to George W. Bush, President of the  
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1 United States, Washington State senators and representatives, each member of Congress  
2 representing the State of Washington, and the King County Council

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4 Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, and signed by me in open  
5 session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.  
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9 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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11 Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.  
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