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A RESOLUTION

**The Evanston City Council Protests
The Contemplated War on Iraq**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Evanston and their local elected officials have the constitutional right to petition the national government on this matter of grave concern to our city, the nation, and the world community; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Evanston hold high the sanctity of human life; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Evanston believe that a democratic nation should neither be an aggressor nation nor pursue an unjust war; and

WHEREAS, a new attack on Iraq will result in civilian casualties, as well as military casualties on both sides of the conflict; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston's 18-25 year old population is likely to be a source of recruitment for military personnel to fight a war with Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the nation, including the City of Evanston, is estimated to be more than 200 billion dollars, thus depleting the reserves, harming the economy, and resulting in further neglect of education, health care, housing, and the infrastructure, as well as other services desperately in need of repair or reform; and

WHEREAS, a war with Iraq has been declared unjust by various religious organizations and/or leaders; and

WHEREAS, a policy of containment is much more desirable than a policy of war;
and

WHEREAS, the leaders of most Middle Eastern and Muslim nations warn that an attack on Iraq is likely to spur even more animosity toward the U.S. from Muslims around the world and fuel even more Islamic radicalism directed against us;
and

WHEREAS Osama Bin Laden and the al-Qaeda terrorist network remain a serious threat to our nation that demands security attention; and

WHEREAS, under these circumstances a war with Iraq is unneeded, unjust, and poses a real threat to our nation and our democratic traditions and rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That the City of Evanston hereby voices our opposition to any preemptive strike or act of war contemplated by the President and the Congress of the United States towards Iraq.

SECTION 2: That the governing body of the City of Evanston reaffirms The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the principles of international law, and calls on the Bush administration and our representatives in Congress to provide leadership in encouraging peace, democracy, and respect for human rights in Iraq and throughout the Middle East.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Louane H. Norton

Mayor

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ATTEST:

Mary D. Harris

City Clerk

Adopted: *January 13* 2003