



Roll Call Number

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Agenda Item Number

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December 3, 2012

Date

WHEREAS, Des Moines is facing financial shortfall and under pressure to cut essential services and personnel; and

WHEREAS, Des Moines taxpayers have already spent more than \$260 million, and will spend \$50 million more in FY 2012 for the ongoing war in Afghanistan ; and

WHEREAS, the money spent by Des Moines taxpayers on the war in Afghanistan in FY 2012 could provide salaries for 1000 elementary school teachers, or provide one year of housing for approximately 7000 families, or provide energy assistance to 25,000 households, or provide one year of healthcare to 30,000 children; and

WHEREAS, soldiers from Des Moines have been stationed in Afghanistan, a war lasting longer than both world wars combined; and

WHEREAS, over 1,190 U.S. soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan, including 22 lowans; and thousands of civilians have been killed; and

WHEREAS, a majority from both political parties oppose the war; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the City Councils of Los Angeles, Cleveland, Philadelphia, and other U.S. cities have adopted resolutions to end the war in Afghanistan and redirect military spending towards domestic needs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Des Moines hereby formally supports any federal legislative action that would fund the safe and orderly withdrawal of US soldiers from Afghanistan, cut non-essential Pentagon budget appropriations, and redirect savings towards domestic priorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Des Moines supports federal legislative action that provides the health care, housing, jobs, education and other support services to the thousands of Iowa military personnel who come home from Afghanistan disabled or physically and mentally wounded.

Moved by Cownie to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Jeffrey D. Lester
City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GRIESS		✓		
HENSLEY		✓		
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	5	2		

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

T. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

Diane Rauh City Clerk