

## RESOLUTION NO. 11-55

### A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX CALLING ON CONGRESS TO REDIRECT MILITARY SPENDING TO DOMESTIC PRIORITIES

- WHEREAS, October 7, 2011 will mark the tenth anniversary of the War in Afghanistan when the armed forces of the United States of America and the United Kingdom, and the Afghan United Front (Northern Alliance), launched Operation Enduring Freedom; and,
- WHEREAS, in June 20, 2011, the US Conference of Mayors, which represents the 1,200 cities in the United States with populations of over 30,000, passed a resolution calling on Congress to redirect military spending to meet domestic priorities; and,
- WHEREAS, every member of the US Conference of Mayors, the Fairfax Town Council and the residents that they represent, support our brave men and women in uniform and their families; and,
- WHEREAS, the drawdown of troops should be done in a measured way that does not destabilize the region and that can accelerate the transfer of responsibility to regional authorities;
- WHEREAS, the severity of the ongoing economic crisis has created budget shortfalls at all levels of government and requires us to re-examine our national spending priorities; and
- WHEREAS, the people of the United States are collectively paying approximately \$126 billion dollars per year to wage war in Iraq and Afghanistan; and
- WHEREAS, according to cost projections calculated by the National Priorities Project, Marin County taxpayers have contributed over \$1,441,271,000.00, and counting, in revenues to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001; and,
- WHEREAS, 6,024 members of the US armed forces have died in these wars; and at least 120,000 civilians have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan since the coalition attacks began.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax Town Council joins with the United States Conference of Mayors supports efforts to speed up the ending of these wars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fairfax Town Council joins the United States Conference of Mayors in calling on the President and U.S. Congress to end the wars as soon as strategically possible and bring these war dollars home to meet vital human needs, promote job creation, rebuild our infrastructure, aid municipal and state governments, and develop a new economy based upon renewable, sustainable energy and reduce the federal debt.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 5th day of October, 2011, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

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LARRY BRAGMAN, MAYOR

Attest:

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Town Clerk

AGENDA ITEM # 8