WHEREAS the California Democratic Party supports the creation of a Department of Peacebuilding, and adopted language to the 2014 Party Platform to "actively promote national institutions based on the organizing principles of violence prevention and nonviolent conflict resolution, utilizing and developing a network of 'best practice' peacebuilding policies and programs both within United Nation member states and externally among nations"; and

WHEREAS delegates from civil society, governments and UN institutions and agencies from more than 50 countries of the Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructures for Peace (GAMIP), which include Australia, Brazil, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, the USA, and many countries within Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East, who since 2007, have a United Nation's liaison working with NGOs to create a United Nations global resolution to urge the establishment of infrastructures for peace within the governments of the 196 United Nations Member States; and

WHEREAS nations within the GAMIP coalition have already begun to institute government networks of peacebuilding practices which will address conflicts at home and abroad saving lives and money, such as Nepal's 2007 Department of Peace and Reconstruction, Costa Rica's 2009 Department of Justice and Peace, and the Canadian Liberal Party, which adopted a resolution in their 2014 Party Platform to establish a government institution dedicated to promote a culture of peace, with a mandate that includes the creation of a permanent Canadian Civilian Service of professionally trained men and women, to work toward violence prevention, peace education and nonviolent conflict resolution at every level of society.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges the United Nations and all Member States to promote the establishment of Ministries and/or Departments of Peace and other peacebuilding infrastructures in order to facilitate the gathering and creation of best practices and policies, improving communication, cooperation and collaboration to save future generations from the atrocities of violent conflict, poverty and human-induced environmental disasters, advanced by passage of the global resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party encourages support from the United States Ambassador to The United Nations, Samantha Powers, the 58 County DCCs of California, CDP Caucuses, CDP Standing Committees, friends, families, and kindred spirits across the planet to do likewise.
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