

# RESOLUTION



City and County of Denver

## Resolution No. 10, Series of 2003

Opposing War with Iraq without Full Congressional Debate & Authorization

**WHEREAS**, a recent poll of Colorado residents indicates that 70% of those surveyed want more inspections rather than immediate war with Iraq; and

**WHEREAS**, at least one hundred and seven cities across the United States have adopted resolutions expressing concerns about unilateral war, and thirty of those cities sent representatives to Washington, D.C. earlier this month opposing the war; and

**WHEREAS**, war endangers not only thousands of our military personnel, whom we support, but also the lives of many Iraqi civilians—especially children—who have no control over the actions of their dictatorial and repressive government; and

**WHEREAS**, the White House and Congress estimate the costs of war with Iraq to be in the billions of dollars, exacerbating a financial crisis for working and poor families and individuals threatened by increasingly severe budget cuts in state and local budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, a unilateral war with Iraq may undermine our existing foreign partnerships, erode world support to eliminate the threat of terrorism, and further destabilize the Middle East; and

**WHEREAS**, one of our nation's greatest strengths is the restraint of our might—to lead by example, not by emulation of our enemies; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States is founded on the concept of the rule of law and should abide by it in the global community; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. has not built a multilateral anti-Iraq coalition similar to that which underwrote the first Gulf War and which would be needed for any post-war nation-building; and

**WHEREAS**, despite any previous Congressional action, we believe it is important for Congress to remain involved in all future decisions about military action in Iraq.

**NOW THEREFORE,**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That no war against Iraq should be undertaken by the United States without a full debate and vote of authorization in the U.S. Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

**Section 2.** That the Administration and our federal representatives be urged to actively support United Nations diplomatic efforts to support and encourage democracy and respect for human rights in Iraq.

**Section 3.** That United States' forces may be deployed as a last resort if it is determined that military action is necessary to disarm Iraq of weapons of mass destruction with full support for our military personnel.

**Section 4.** That we urge the citizens of Denver to contact their federal representatives to urge peaceful solutions to international conflicts.

**Section 5.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this resolution and that copies be transmitted to the President of the United States and the Colorado U.S. Congressional delegation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL February 24 2003

Cathy Buehler PRESIDENT

APPROVED March 5 2003

Walter S. Smith MAYOR

ATTEST: Sherry B. Jackson CLERK  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver

