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Substitute resolution expressing profound sorrow and sympathy for victims and families of heinous terrorist activities, supporting stringent, long-term measures to bring terrorists to justice and urging City's U.S. Congressional delegation, while in pursuit of such measures to bring terrorists to justice, to preserve civil liberties and address needs of victimized people.

This resolution expresses profound sorrow and sympathy for the victims and families of the September 11, 2001 terrorist activities, supports the pursuit of stringent, long-term measures, which will bring the terrorists to justice, and urges the City's U.S. Congressional delegation, while in pursuit of such measures to bring terrorists to justice, to preserve civil liberties and address the needs of victimized people so that the threat of terrorism at home and abroad will be diminished.

Whereas, The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 have impacted the lives of many and touched the hearts and consciousness of all; and

Whereas, At one of the darkest hours in this nation's history, the heroic and generous actions of Americans have stood as a testament to the nation's resolve, resiliency and reverence; and

Whereas, The cowardly and desperate acts against America have strengthened the nation's unity and have left unshaken the bedrock of rights and basic civil liberties upon which this nation is founded; and

Whereas, In the aftermath of the tragic events, a determined nation mourns its loss and resolves to pursue all measures, which will bring the terrorists to justice and diminish the threat of terrorism at home and abroad; and

Whereas, In the pursuit of efforts to combat and prevent terrorism, our elected officials are reminded that the potential may exist to erode the very rights and civil liberties, which they have sworn to uphold and which define this great nation and are guaranteed by our Constitution; and

Whereas, Although it is imperative that the tools needed to combat and prevent terrorism at home and abroad are provided to the federal Department of Justice and the intelligence agencies, in the words of U.S. Senator Russell D. Feingold of Wisconsin, "It is also crucial that civil liberties in this country be preserved, otherwise, the terrorists will win the battle against American values without firing another shot"; and

Whereas, Efforts to combat and prevent terrorism, which reach beyond the pursuit of justice and preservation of values for Americans to address the needs of all victimized people, can further help to permanently diminish the threat of terrorism at home and abroad; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Council expresses its profound sorrow and sympathy for the victims and families of the September 11, 2001, terrorist activities; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Council supports the pursuit of stringent, long-term measures, which will bring the terrorists to justice and permanently diminish the threat of terrorism at home and abroad; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Council, as a body of elected officials for the City of Milwaukee, encourages the City's U.S. Congressional delegation to pursue alternatives in the fight against terrorism, which respect and preserve the basic rights and guaranteed civil liberties of American citizens; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Common Council encourages the City's U.S. Congressional delegation to pursue measures that will also address the needs of victimized people so that the threat of terrorism at home and abroad can be permanently diminished; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the City's U.S. Congressional delegation.

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