



## PEACE IS INEVITABLE

*We can make it happen: if the people lead, the leaders will follow.*

*Peace = dialog about meeting needs  
Nonviolence = peaceful conflict resolution*

Violence is a learned conflict resolution strategy that is a public health problem of epidemic proportions. We can learn new strategies to deal with conflict. The technology to reduce military casualties, to eliminate spousal and child abuse, schoolyard bullying, rape, and all forms of criminal violence is available, yet we are not using it. It now needs the importance, funding and coordination of a national mission to develop these skills throughout America. If we had a national conflict resolution skill-building program, we could secure a prosperous future for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren. An economy based on peace-building could realize an annual "peace dividend" in the trillions of dollars.

One of the signs that we are in an upward spiral of knowledge and abilities to deal with conflict is a bill in Congress right now, HR 808. The legislation will pass from bill to law under one condition: that a wave of citizen interest rise up from the American people and make itself heard in the halls of Congress. The Peace Alliance educates and inspires thousands throughout the country with the knowledge, skill and enthusiasm to become powerful citizen activists in support of this effort. The Department of Peace campaign has citizen organizers working in over 290 Congressional Districts in all 50 states.

### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEGISLATION**

- \* **Advise the President, the Secretaries of Defense and State, and others on root causes of violence, plus practical ways to dismantle violence while still in a formative phase.**
- \* **Provide violence-prevention programs addressing domestic, gang, and drug and alcohol-related violence; violence against women, homosexuals, racial or ethnic groups, and animals; violence in schools, prisons, police, and the media.**
- \* **The Department's budget, approximately \$10 billion its first year, would provide much-needed assistance for the efforts of local working organizations that have effective solutions to violence.**
- \* **Build peace-making efforts among conflicting cultures both here and abroad.**
- \* **Support our military with complementary approaches to ending violence.**
- \* **Train nonviolent civilian peacekeepers for multinational forces.**
- \* **Create strategies to end the proliferation of nuclear and other weapons.**
- \* **Create and administer a U.S. Peace Academy.**

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