



**Resolution for the Nomination of
Reverend Sun Myung Moon
as the First Awardee of the Nobel Peace Prize
on the Commencement of the Prize's Second Centenary**

Whereas the Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded since 1901 by the Norwegian Nobel Committee to exceptional *individuals*, (including selfless and heroic *citizens* as well as philanthropic, religious, political and community *leaders*) and also to institutions and *organizations* dedicated to the furthering of world peace and the promotion of “fraternity between nations,” as specified in the 1895 will of Alfred Nobel, the founder of the award;

Whereas many previous Nobel Peace Prizes were awarded to governmental and public officials, national and international, for endeavoring to bring to an end instances of *international* warfare or for reducing the terrible consequences of *domestic* conflicts;

Whereas in recent decades the Norwegian Nobel Committee has increasingly expanded its mandate by recognizing those working for the enhancement of humanity's quality of life or struggling for the advancement of human rights, as evidenced by the 1960 prize to Albert John Lutuli, leader of the African National Congress, in recognition of his leadership of the non-violent struggle against apartheid in South Africa;

Whereas the Norwegian Nobel Committee has been the first among the several prize-awarding bodies established under the Nobel Foundation statutes to confer its award upon institutions and organizations as distinguished from individual honorees;

Whereas since the granting of the first Nobel Peace award, in 1901, to the Red Cross' founder Henri Dunant, recipients have consisted of a select group of dedicated workers in the cause of peace, humanitarianism, human rights, and the advancement of the "fraternity between nations," including such world renowned figures as Middle East peace negotiator Ralph Bunche; surgeon and humanist Albert Schweitzer; "Marshall Plan" creator General George Catlett Marshall; United Nations General Assembly President Lester Bowles Pearson; United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld; civil rights martyr Martin Luther King, Jr.; political leaders Mohamed Anwar El Sadat and Menachem Begin; anti-poverty advocate Mother Teresa; political reformer Lech Walesa; holocaust historian Elie Wiesel; and, as recently as 1999, the medical organization of Doctors Without Borders;

Whereas it is being increasingly recognized that the curbing of the ravages of war, violence, poverty, hunger, alienation, xenophobia and discrimination are not tasks that can be carried out merely or primarily by governmental organizations and governmental officials, whether national or international, but require active leadership and participation by organs of civil society, including all kinds of cultural, religious and social organizations, voluntary societies, as well as private and public for-profit and not-for-profit philanthropic and economic institutions worldwide;

Whereas the recently issued Millennial Declaration of the United Nations General Assembly points out the need for outreach and calls for increased cooperation during the unfolding century between official international and national governmental organs and the widest possible array of civil society organizations and institutions;

Whereas the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, both in his individual capacity and through the many and diverse organizations and endeavors initiated by him worldwide, has served for the past 40 years as a major force in stimulating, activating, bringing together, organizing and empowering various components of civil

society in such diverse arenas as the sciences, arts, education, social welfare, political cooperation and religious conciliation throughout the world;

Whereas through his selfless efforts, his generosity of spirit and his personal and institutional support, Reverend Sun Myung Moon has sought to enhance scientific, cultural, humanitarian, social, economic racial, and religious cooperation and cultivate a growing awareness of the universal fraternity of nations and people throughout all the continents and countries of our globe;

Whereas Reverend Sun Myung Moon has been a devout advocate of the family, as the primary unit of civil society, and has worked valiantly for the restoration of political stability and democratic governance in Central America, the reduction of tensions between North and South Korea, the abolition of political and economic totalitarianism in Eastern Europe, and most recently has undertaken to consolidate and fortify the efforts of civil societies throughout the globe in a joint quest for a true and lasting fraternity of nations, peoples, cultures, denominations, races and classes;

It is, therefore, hereby resolved that the nomination of Reverend Sun Myung Moon as the first awardee of the Nobel Peace Prize on the commencement of the Prize's Second Centenary, in year 2002, is a most fitting recognition for his exceptional response to the Nobel Prize founder's invocations of peace and human fraternity, by helping meet civil society's need to be heard, to articulate a universal and common agenda, as well as arm civil society with the cooperative and co-coordinating structures for the ongoing struggle to create a safe and better life for all of the globe's diverse inhabitants;

It is further resolved that an appropriate document supporting Reverend Sun Myung Moon's nomination be submitted to the Norwegian Nobel Committee by Dr. Nicholas N. Kittrie, Distinguished University Professor of jurisprudence, legal history and political philosophy, and that said nomination be prepared and submitted on behalf of Professor Kittrie and the World Association of NGOs (WANGO);

It is finally resolved that all individuals and organizations intimately, formally, informally or otherwise connected with or aware of the many exceptional activities of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, be given an appropriate opportunity to join in the endorsement of the nomination of Reverend Sun Myung Moon for the Nobel Peace Prize;

Such endorsements are not intended and should in no way be deemed as an organized campaign on behalf of Reverend Sun Myung Moon's candidacy, but merely as an opportunity for all those who have benefited from his leadership, energy, love and commitment, throughout the world, to express their spontaneous and heartfelt appreciation for his accomplishments to date and voice their hope, support and prayers for his continued leadership in the cause of peace, human rights, and a true and lasting global fraternity of nations and people.

We, as representatives of the Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, The Arts, Religious Leaders, Statesmen and Political Leaders, Non-governmental Organizations, and Other Civil Society Representatives enthusiastically support this nomination to the Norwegian Nobel Peace Committee of **Reverend Sun Myung Moon**, to be the 2002 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

**Nicholas N. Kittrie, University Professor and
Chair, The Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for Justice and Peace**

