

Resolution to Rotary International Council on Legislation

Regarding Rotary Peace Community Program

Submitted by: Rotary Club of Parksville, District 5020

Endorsed by: District 5020 at its District Conference on May 30, 2008 to June 1, 2008.

Purpose and Effect

The proposed resolution is intended to support the Object of Rotary by providing a Rotary program that can be implemented as a Community Service project by Rotary Clubs. The Rotary Peace Community program would be promoted for the purpose of providing peace information, promoting peace awareness, and enhancing goodwill, world understanding and peace in communities world-wide.

Whereas the Object of Rotary calls upon Rotarians to promote world understanding, goodwill and peace, and

Whereas historically world peace has been and important part of Rotary International programs and initiatives, and

Whereas Peace Communities have become an increasingly important vehicle by which Rotary is manifesting a visible declaration of goodwill and peace at the community level undertaken as a Rotary Community Service project, and

Whereas over 70 Rotary Peace Communities have been developed and declared by various Rotary Clubs and Districts throughout the world, and

Whereas a group of dedicated Rotarian leaders have recently coordinated four Peace Summits, including the development of a Rotary Peace Community program and website, and

Whereas a policy framework is desired for a Rotary Peace Community program to continue and have consistent recognition worldwide,

Be it resolved that:

The Rotary International Board of Directors be requested to:

1. Recognize and implement a new Rotary program fostering Rotary Peace Communities and acknowledge existing declared Rotary Peace Communities.
2. Request that future Rotary International Presidents emphasize the Object of Rotary by including the Rotary Peace Community program within their emphasis each year.

Financial Impact: There would be no financial impact on RI