

RESOLUTION 06-15

(Passed 8-0-1)
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CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION
TO END THE GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

- WHEREAS, the government of Sudan has engaged in a policy of genocide against its own black African population in Darfur through use of its military and through sponsorship of attacks by armed Arab militias known as the *Janjaweed*; and
- WHEREAS, the *Janjaweed* and military of the Sudanese government are responsible for bombing villages and hospitals, gang-raping civilians, summarily executing throngs of black Darfurians, using forced starvation as a weapon of war, and impeding access of humanitarian aid to the 50% of Darfurians that are now reliant on assistance; and
- WHEREAS, the Sudanese government is responsible for the death of 400,000 Darfurians and displacement of 2.5 million more; and
- WHEREAS, in September 2004, U.S. Secretary of State, Colin Powell, declared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that the Sudanese government and the Sudanese government-sponsored *Janjaweed* have committed genocide; and
- WHEREAS, a unanimous United States House of Representatives, a unanimous United States Senate and the President of the United States have declared that the Sudanese regime of dictator Omar al-Bashir is committing genocide; and
- WHEREAS, international companies, by conducting business operations in Sudan, bring direct foreign investment dollars to Khartoum and provide both moral and political cover to the Sudanese regime; and
- WHEREAS, Khartoum has funneled the vast majority of direct foreign investment into military expenditures used to perpetuate the genocide while neglecting needed development projects in the Darfur region; and
- WHEREAS, the government of Sudan has a history of remedying egregious behavior in response to economic pressure; and
- WHEREAS, the policy and practice of genocide is abhorrent to the moral and political values of the City of Bloomington, its residents, the people of the United States, and, indeed, democratic and free societies everywhere;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I. The Council urges the President and Congress of the United States to take immediate action to apply pressure to the government of Sudan to end the genocide in the Darfur region.

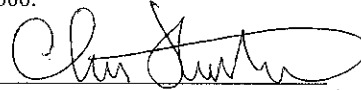
SECTION II. The Council urges the State of Indiana to divest its funds -- including the Public Employee's Retirement Fund, the Teachers' Retirement Fund and Police and Fire department pensions -- from companies doing business with the Sudanese government where such companies support or passively enable the Darfur genocide.

SECTION III. The Council supports Indiana State Senator John Broden's legislative initiative to promote targeted divestment from Sudan in an effort to put economic pressure on companies doing business with the Sudanese government.

SECTION IV. The Council directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, members of the Indiana Congressional Delegation, other members of the United States Congress in positions of leadership in the House and Senate and their committees with jurisdiction over foreign policy and commerce, the Governor of Indiana and members of Bloomington's delegation to the Indiana legislature, and other leaders of the State legislature as deemed appropriate.

SECTION V. This resolution be posted on the City of Bloomington web site.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 8th day of November, 2006.


CHRIS STURBAUM, President
Bloomington Common Council


ATTEST:


REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington
Deputy Clerk

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 9th day of November, 2006.


REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington
Deputy Clerk

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 9th day of NOVEMBER, 2006.


MARY KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is co-sponsored by Councilmembers Rollo and Sturbaum and calls upon the United States government to apply pressure to the government of Sudan to end the genocide in Darfur and calls upon the State of Indiana to divest funds -- including the Public Employee's Retirement Fund, the Teachers' Retirement Fund and Police and Fire pensions -- from companies doing business with the Sudanese government where such companies support or passively enable the Darfur genocide. The resolution supports Senator John Broden's efforts for targeted divestment of Indiana funds from Sudan and directs the City Clerk to send a copy of the resolution to the U.S. President, the Governor of the State of Indiana, the Congressional delegation and other State and federal legislators.

Signed copies to:

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US Pres.

Ind. Cong. Del (9)

Governor Daniels

Sen. Broden

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