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WHEREAS, a world without violence is a dream we all share; and

WHEREAS, any form of mistreatment of others is abuse; and

WHEREAS, abuse can be in the form of verbal, mental or physical and often escalates to further violence; and

WHEREAS, people have the right to live free of violence; and

WHEREAS, to end violence, we must start with a personal commitment not to resort to violence; and

WHEREAS, every person can make a difference in stopping violence by not using violence to control others and by not tolerating any form of abuse from others; and

WHEREAS, we, together with communities around the country and overseas, recognize the Hands Are Not For Hurting Project's Pledge is a key piece of the puzzle and effective tool in violence prevention education; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that we should all join together, as a family, community, state, nation and world by pledging, both privately and publicly: "I will not use my hands or words for hurting myself or others."

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