

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ENDORSING REPRESENTATIVE BARNEY FRANK'S PROPOSAL FOR A 25% REDUCTION IN THE MILITARY BUDGET**

1. **WHEREAS**, Our country is in need of good governance, and its bloated military budget is an example of endemic poor governance, and
2. **WHEREAS**, The military budget doubled during the Bush presidency to an amount equal to the military budgets of the rest of the world combined, and
3. **WHEREAS**, The military budget is much larger than is necessary for the legitimate defense needs of the nation, and
4. **WHEREAS**, The military budget excesses take money away from Newton schools and essential human services programs,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Newton Board of Aldermen**

1. **endorses Representative Barney Frank's proposal to reduce the military budget by 25%**
2. **endorses the goal of using the reduction in military spending to fund programs to meet the needs of the people of Newton and of the United States**
3. **endorses the goal of using the reduction in military spending to meet the needs of returning armed forces personnel and veterans**
4. **endorses the goal of continuing to reduce the budget until it has shrunk to the amount necessary for the purposes of legitimate defense of the United States.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Newton Board of Alderman shall send copies of this resolution to:

President Barack Obama, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton,  
All members of the Massachusetts Congressional and Senatorial delegation,  
Governor Deval Patrick, Mayor David Cohen and to the Newton TAB, the major Boston-area newspapers and television stations.