

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG APPROVING CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESENCE OF CONFLICT MINERALS IN ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS IN PURCHASING AND INVESTMENT DECISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg has declared its commitment to human rights and social justice in its governance policies and has taken affirmative steps throughout its history to promote these values; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate and the House of Representatives have found that armed militias bear responsibility for massive atrocities in the eastern Congo; and

WHEREAS, recent legislation signed into law (Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act of 2010) requires that companies submit an annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission disclosing whether their products contain gold, tin, tantalum or tungsten from the Congo or nearby areas (referred to as 'conflict minerals'); and

WHEREAS, the International Rescue Committee has found more than 5.4 million civilians have been killed and countless more remain at risk as a consequence of attacks conducted by armed militias in eastern Congo; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has urged the international community to press the armed militias to cooperate with a United Nations peacekeeping force authorized under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1291; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg spends an estimated million dollars per year on electronic products and has significant investments in companies which may use conflict minerals in their supply chains.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg that it will consider whether electronic products contain conflict minerals in future purchasing and investment decisions and shall specifically advise City Council of same and, when available, will favor verifiably conflict-free products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council calls on electronic companies and other industries to take the necessary steps to remove conflict minerals from their supply chain; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of St. Petersburg calls on the United States Executive Branch's leadership in helping to establish an international certification system for minerals coming from Central Africa to ensure they are not contributing to the conflicts.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approved as to form and content:

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City Attorney (designee)

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