

**A RESOLUTION BY THE PACIFICA NATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD
OF DIRECTORS CALLING FOR AN END TO THE DEATH PENALTY IN
THE UNITED STATES of AMERICA**

WHEREAS, the **Pacifica Foundation** was founded in 1946, with national headquarters in Berkeley, California, and operates **Pacifica Radio Network**; the oldest public radio network in the United States. The Pacifica Network is a group of five independently operated, non-commercial, listener-supported radio stations, known for its progressive/liberal political orientation and a program service supplying over 150 affiliated stations with various programs, primarily news and public affairs;

WHEREAS, the Pacifica Foundation's mission statement calls it to work for peace and social justice, by engaging in activities that shall contribute to a lasting understanding between nations and between the individuals of all nations, races, creeds and colors; to gather and disseminate information on the causes of conflict between any and all such groups; and through any and all means compatible with the purposes of this corporation to promote the study of political and economic problems and of the causes of religious, philosophical and racial antagonisms;

WHEREAS, the death penalty has been determined to be a fundamental human rights violation by international legal bodies and human rights organizations and in the United States has often been found to be the result of unfair judicial procedures, racial injustice, economic disparities, and is inherently contrary to the basic principles of a society that seeks social justice and peace;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pacifica National Board calls upon the federal and state governments of the United States of America to abolish the imposition of the death penalty on all persons under their jurisdiction and further that Pacifica radio shall continue to reflect this resolution in its broadcast programming.

The Pacifica Board of Directors consent and agree that the above corporate resolution was made and unanimously approved at its September 2011, Washington DC in-person meeting.

Washington, District of Columbia
_____, 2011

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Secretary, Pacifica National Board