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STATEMENT FROM U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT SEATTLE MAYOR GREG NICKELS ON PRESIDENT OBAMA BEING AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

Washington, D.C. – “On behalf of the nation’s mayors, I congratulate President Barack Obama on winning the Nobel Peace Prize. As we know, the Nobel Peace Prize is about the courageous pursuit of world peace and bold efforts to strengthen international cooperation among nations.

“In a short period of time, President Obama has consistently spoken out against nuclear proliferation, has worked tirelessly to reform the global financial system to prevent another crisis, and has accepted responsibility for the United States in the effort to protect the environment.

“For over 30 years, The United States Conference of Mayors has had a history of supporting making the world safe from nuclear weapons and works closely with The Mayors for Peace organization to promote nuclear non-proliferation.

“As we look toward the United Nations climate conference in Copenhagen, U.S. mayors are also committed to the fight against global warming. We are thinking globally and acting locally in that 1,000 mayors around this country have signed The U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and are actively working to reduce carbon emissions in cities.

“There is much work left to be done, as President Obama has acknowledged. But the Nobel Peace Prize affirms that America is once again the world’s moral leader, and it inspires even greater momentum to achieve the President’s objectives on climate change, nuclear proliferation and bridging the divide with the Muslim world.

“This is a remarkable moment and the nation’s mayors are proud to salute President Obama on such a significant accomplishment.”

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