

A RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

**Regarding United States Military Involvement in Peacekeeping Operations
WCDR 2015 - 003**

WHEREAS the United Nations Charter, to which the United States is signatory, assigns authority for peacekeeping efforts to the United Nations, and

WHEREAS the UN called upon the US to lead a UN force in 1950 to repel an invasion of South Korea by North Korea which resulted in the protracted Korean Conflict and led to a demilitarized zone between the two Koreas which persists to the current time, and

WHEREAS the US history of unilateral or alliance-led military interventions, such as in Viet Nam, Grenada, El Salvador, Panama, Iraq, and Croatia have had extremely high costs in both life and property and have led to mixed results in terms of regional and global stability, and

WHEREAS in the years since its creation in 1945, the UN has conducted peacekeeping operations in many parts of the world with sixteen currently underway, to which the US provides both financial and logistical support, and

WHEREAS global security is best assured by open and fair relationships between nations based on the international legal system:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The UN Security Council should be the lead entity in initiating and managing peacekeeping efforts worldwide including continuing conflicts in the Ukraine, Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan.
2. We call upon the Oregon Congressional delegation and President Obama to reexamine our military alliances and peacekeeping missions and revise them to be compatible with the original peacekeeping authority of the UN.

Originated by Jack Kirkwood; Amended and approved for 1st reading by WashCoDems P&RC on 17 Feb. 2015.