



IDGOP REGION 4

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IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY REGION IV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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A resolution supporting efforts to Bring Our Troops Home

WHEREAS, the United States military has now been fighting in the Middle East over 18 years, more than 7,000 American heroes have given their lives, and more than 52,000 Americans have been wounded; and,

WHEREAS, the United States has spent over \$7 Trillion fighting in Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, and Syria; and,

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump said in his 2019 State of the Union Address:

“Great nations do not fight endless wars... Our troops have fought with unmatched valor — and thanks to their bravery, we are now able to pursue a political solution to this long and bloody conflict... We do not know whether we will achieve an agreement — but we do know that after two decades of war, the hour has come to at least try for peace... Now, as we work with our allies to destroy the remnants of ISIS, it is time to give our brave warriors in Syria a warm welcome home.”; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho citizens have grown weary of war and are eager for peace; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America enumerates the authorization to declare war belongs solely to the U.S. House of Representatives; and,

WHEREAS, the last time the U.S. House of Representatives formally approved a Declaration of War was in December of 1941, and we should return to the principle that American troops should be committed to combat operations overseas only with Congressional authorization as required by the Constitution of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Armed Forces’ purpose, as defined by Section 3062 of Title 10, U.S. Code, is to preserve the peace and security and provide for the defense of the United States, the Commonwealths, and possessions of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the United States military in the “forever wars” in the Middle East has evolved into nation building, peace keeping, advising and consulting, and occupation; and,

WHEREAS, those who oppose withdrawing American troops from the Middle East assert that our troops cannot be withdrawn precipitously, but also cannot be withdrawn on some future specific date, whereby leaving no time or plan for withdrawal, meaning an endless commitment to spilling American blood and treasure in such conflicts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party hereby calls on the Idahoan Congressional delegation to advocate for and vote in favor of legislation and resolutions that call for the withdrawal of the United States troops from the Middle East and ending the war in Afghanistan; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Central Committee of the Idaho Republican Party directs its headquarters to transmit a copy of this resolution to the office of Senator Jim Risch, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and to the offices of Senator Mike Crapo, Congressman Mike Simpson and Congressman Russ Fulcher; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the next meeting of the State Central Committee for consideration.

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