

## Resolution to Support Reduction of US Military Bases Abroad

**WHEREAS** the security of the people of the United States can be served by diplomatic as well as military means;

**WHEREAS** the expansion of our military dominance increases rather than decreases the threat of terrorism; and

**WHEREAS** the maintenance of the more than 800 United States military installations in 135 foreign countries is a huge drain on the economy, resources, and oil reserves of the United States;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats recommend that the Congress of the United States pass legislation to lessen the military presence of the United States by closing down bases in countries that have the ability to defend themselves, such as Germany, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats recommend that the Congress of the United States close down bases where we are unwelcome;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats recommend that the Congress of the United States refrain from building new bases where we are unwelcome or unneeded; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats send a copy of this resolution to our Washington State Congressional Delegation along with a request for response within thirty days, listing the actions they are willing to take to support this resolution or a list of the reasons explaining why it cannot be supported.

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Submitted by the Pend Oreille County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 26 convention in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 4/21/2010)

Recommended Pass with amendments by the Subcommittee on Foreign Policy, Government and Political Reform, and the Military. (Date Considered 5/2/2010)

Recommended Pass with amendments by the State Convention Platform Committee. (Date Considered 6/5/2010)

42 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 26,  
43 2010 meeting in Vancouver.