

## **FOREIGN DECISIONS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the tenth amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees and reserves to the states and their people all powers not specifically granted to the federal government elsewhere in the Constitution and in accordance with each citizen's and state's lawful privileges or immunities, and in compliance with the requirements of due process and equal protection of the law as publicly understood at the time the amendment was ratified, subject only to modification by duly ratified subsequent amendments to the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, at the time the United States Constitution was ratified, the sole and sovereign power to regulate the state courts rested in the state legislature and has always been a compelling state concern and central to state sovereignty; and,

WHEREAS, at the time the United States Constitution was ratified, the commerce clause was not meant or understood to authorize Congress or the federal judiciary to regulate the state courts in the matter of state substantive law or state judicial procedure and this has never been modified by any duly ratified amendment to the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, at the time the United States Constitution was ratified, the commerce clause was not meant or understood to authorize Congress or the federal judiciary to establish religious sectarian or foreign statute or case law as controlling or influential precedent; and,

WHEREAS, Congress, the federal courts and the federal government have eroded state's rights by interpreting the commerce clause of the United States Constitution in an overly broad manner as seen in attempts to bind the states to a federal healthcare law and other federal mandates; and,

WHEREAS, Congress and the federal government are denied the power to bind the states under foreign statute or case law other than those provisions duly ratified by Congress as a treaty, so long as the treaty does not violate the United States Constitution; now therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, the Republican National Committee opposes any attempt by federal courts to use, implement, refer to or incorporate a tenet of any body of religious sectarian law (Sharia Law, Canon Law, Halacha and Karma) into any decision, finding or opinion as controlling or influential authority; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, the Republican National Committee opposes any attempt by federal courts to use, implement, refer to or incorporate any case law or statute from another country or foreign body (including but not limited to the United Nations and its various agencies, the European Union and its various agencies, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, OPEC, the Socialist Internationale and all other similar non-American organizations) outside the United States and its territories as controlling authority or precedent in a finding or opinion; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, the Republican National Committee opposes any attempt by the President, Congress and the federal government to establish sectarian religion or bind the states under foreign law (other than provisions duly ratified by Congress as a constitutional treaty) by ratifying federal judicial decisions grounded in sectarian law or based on foreign law.

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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING PROTECTING AMERICAN SOVEREIGNTY  
AND DEFENDING INDIVIDUAL SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS FROM UNITED  
NATIONS INTERFERENCE**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution declares that “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed;” and,

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) that the right to keep and bear arms is an individual right that existed before the Constitution and that “belongs to all Americans;” and,

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court confirmed in the case of *McDonald v. City of Chicago* (2010) that the right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Republican Platform declares that the Republican Party upholds this right, noting that “Gun ownership is responsible citizenship, enabling Americans to defend themselves, their property, and communities;” and,

WHEREAS, the 2008 Platform also declares the Republican Party’s belief that “gun control only affects and penalizes law-abiding citizens”; and,

WHEREAS, since the mid-1990s, United Nations member states, in close cooperation with domestic and international anti-gun organizations, have sought to win passage of various UN agreements that would mandate or encourage restrictive gun control measures at the national level; and,

WHEREAS, the 2008 Republican Platform notes that “the UN has no mandate to promote radical social engineering,” and expresses our Party’s continuing opposition to various UN conventions that would infringe on United States sovereignty; and,

WHEREAS, in October 2009 the Obama administration, in a reversal of previous United States policy, voted for the U.S. to participate in the UN’s process to draft an Arms Trade Treaty; and,

WHEREAS, preparatory meetings to begin drafting an Arms Trade Treaty are now under way, with a final conference planned for 2012; and,

WHEREAS, many UN member states have already made clear that they want any final Arms Trade Treaty to impose regulations on the manufacture, transfer and possession of firearms, ammunition and related materials by private citizens; and,

WHEREAS, any final treaty signed by the President and ratified by the Senate would become binding law in the U.S., equal in force to domestic legislation and potentially superseding earlier, conflicting statutes duly passed by Congress;

NOW THEREFORE, for the Protection of American Sovereignty and in Defense of Our Second Amendment Freedom and the Individual Right to Keep and Bear Arms, be it

*RESOLVED*, that we the members of the Republican National Committee strongly oppose the negotiation of any Arms Trade Treaty that would include within its scope any new restriction on law-abiding private citizens' fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms, including the right to make, transfer, possess, or carry firearms, ammunition, or related materials; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, that we the members of the Republican National Committee call upon the Republican members of the United States Senate to publicly express their early and strong opposition to any such a treaty, and to vote against ratification of any such treaty that may be presented to the Senate.

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## **RESOLUTION CONCERNING FREEDOM FROM COMMUNIST CHINA'S INTERNET THREATS**

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2011, Google announced Chinese hackers stole the Gmail login details of hundreds of senior U.S. officials and Chinese human rights activists in China and in the U.S. through a targeted “phishing” scam originating from Jinan, the capital of Shandong province; and,

WHEREAS, Jinan is home to a national security arm of the People’s Liberation Army (the military arm of the Communist Party of China), which has established, and continues to grow, a sophisticated cyber warfare capability; and,

WHEREAS, Communist China is systematically attacking the computer networks of the U.S. government and American corporations and is successfully stealing research and development, software source codes, manufacturing know-how and government plans; and,

WHEREAS, these Chinese attacks represent clear acts of aggression; and,

WHEREAS, Communist China systematically monitors, intercepts and blocks the Internet communication of its own people to prevent a popular uprising as is occurring in countries like Tunisia and Egypt; and,

WHEREAS, Communist China systematically suppresses and punishes criticism of the government by its own human rights activists; and,

WHEREAS, Communist China’s aggression against Internet freedom has plainly shown that its rise on the world stage would be at the expense of free people everywhere, therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, the Republican National Committee recognizes the evidence that Communist China has committed attacks and acts of aggression against the United States and its citizens; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, the Republican National Committee asks Congress to hold hearings on China’s threat against U.S. cyber security and oppression against human rights activists in China and in the U.S.; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, the Republican National Committee supports Sen. Richard Lugar’s call for the State Department to adequately fund the Broadcasting Board of Governors for anti-censorship work in Communist China.

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## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL'S PRESENT BORDERS**

WHEREAS, President Obama called in his May 19, 2011 State Department speech for the resumption of direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority to be premised on the understanding that final borders between Israel and a future Palestinian state would be “based on the 1967 lines with mutually agreed swaps;” and,

WHEREAS, President Obama's premise ignored longstanding United States' foreign policy of refraining from dictating to Israel and the Palestinians how they would negotiate border lines when he insisted on a return to 1967 territory boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, prior to the President adopting that premise as the United States' position, prior references to that position by U.S. officials has identified it as “the Palestinian position;” and,

WHEREAS, the President's adoption of what had been the Palestinian position constitutes a clear shift away from the prior United States' position codified in then-President George W. Bush's 2004 exchange of letters with then Prime Minister Ariel Sharon; and,

WHEREAS, the 1967 lines were based on a 1949 armistice, pursuant to which hostilities between Israel and various Arab armies were ended, and not a permanent peace accord; and,

WHEREAS, complete return to 1967 boundaries would pose considerable threat to the security of Israel without the possession of the Golan Heights from which security forces have maintained a strategic defensive position since the historic 1967 Middle East War; and,

WHEREAS, the Prime Minister of Israel has stated that reverting to the 1967 lines would leave Israel just nine miles wide at its narrowest point, and that Israel's political and military leaders uniformly consider such borders indefensible; and,

WHEREAS, complete return to 1967 boundaries would imperil Jerusalem, the capital of Israel; the most contested aspects of delineating future borders are the ones pertaining to Jerusalem, therefore boundaries relinquishing the city to the Palestinians could not possibly be acceptable terms of peace; and,

WHEREAS, Palestinian Authority officials immediately made Israel's acceptance of President Obama's formulation a new condition for resuming direct negotiations and are meanwhile pushing the United Nations to vote to make Palestine a country; now therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee applauds the unwavering determination of Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu in his statement that Israel will not consider a complete return to the 1967 borders and will only negotiate from a position of strength; and further be it

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee recognizes Israel as one of our strongest allies, supports Israel in its quest for peace in the Middle East and is committed to a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and be it

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee affirms that the leaders of Israel and the Palestinian Authority negotiate terms of peace as dictated by the Oslo accords and not by bypassing negotiations through seeking a declaration of statehood at the United Nations.

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## **RESOLUTION OPPOSING “NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT”**

WHEREAS, the Constitutional method of electing the President of the United States through the Electoral College was the method deemed best by the founding fathers of the United States of America for ensuring state sovereignty because all states, both large and small, are included in the presidential election process; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution preserves the balance of power and authority between the federal and state governments through the mechanism of the Electoral College; and,

WHEREAS, the Electoral College has been tested and proven itself over 56 presidential elections as the method to best preserve our representative form of democracy, resulting in the election of a President by a majority of electoral votes not a mere plurality; and,

WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” if successfully implemented would eviscerate the constitutional Electoral College process of electing the President of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” if successfully implemented would radically change the way we elect our President through a questionable legal maneuver by changing the rules of presidential elections via a compact between as few as 11 states instead of the normal 38 states needed to amend the Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, under the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact,” if successfully implements would make a non-member state’s electoral votes are irrelevant because member states electoral votes would number 270 or more and they would award their votes to the national popular voter winner, effectively destroying the Electoral College; and,

WHEREAS, the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” if successfully implemented would undermine state authority and give more populated media markets power over the voice of the states; therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, that the Republican National Committee opposes this attempt to undermine the U.S. Constitution and the Electoral College by way of the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact;” and, further be it

*RESOLVED*, the Republican National Committee does fully endorse retaining the constitutionally approved and time-tested Electoral College method of awarding electoral votes to candidates to win the office of President United States of America; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, the Republican National Committee strongly encourages all state legislatures and Governors to reject the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.”

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## **RESOLUTION TO STOP MAKING AMERICA PAY FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ENERGY AGENDA**

WHEREAS, President Obama's misguided anti-affordable energy agenda has caused America's pain at the pump, high food prices and utility rates; and,

WHEREAS, when President Obama was inaugurated, Americans paid \$1.83 per gallon of gasoline on average with an unemployment rate of 7.3%; and,

WHEREAS, American consumers now pay \$3.68 per gallon of gasoline on average with 9.2% unemployment; and,

WHEREAS, although America suffers from 9.2% unemployment, top Obama adviser David Axelrod waved off concerns about high unemployment, calling it a "meaningless discussion;" and,

WHEREAS, while gas prices have more than doubled since 2009, the Obama administration has sought to increase taxes or end tax breaks on oil companies so it could practice crony capitalism, using the proceeds toward development of green energy (wind and solar energy) projects; and,

WHEREAS, raising energy prices is the lynchpin of the Obama Administration's national renewable energy policy, demonstrated by a cabinet filled with anti-energy activists who view affordable energy such as gas and coal as a problem, not a solution; and,

WHEREAS, Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar, who controls much of America's energy resources, went on the record to oppose any new drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf, even if gasoline prices reached \$10; and,

WHEREAS, Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, was quoted in the *Wall Street Journal* saying, "somehow we have to figure out how to boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Europe", which is currently over \$8; and,

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration's issuing only one new deepwater drilling permit to explore for energy last year has resulted in a contempt order from U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman; and,

WHEREAS, even while opposing America's deepwater drilling, the Obama Administration committed \$2 billion dollars of taxpayer money to Brazil for oil exploration off its own coast last year; and,

WHEREAS, while global demand for energy grows, the EPA now wants to impose new regulations on coal-fired power plants that would destroy America's coal industry, drive energy costs through the roof, and cost hundreds of thousands of jobs, since half of America's energy comes from coal-fired power plants; and,



WHEREAS, high gasoline prices have not only caused American consumers to pay more for goods and services in general, but reflected also in the drop of GDP from 3.1% in the final quarter of last year to just 1.8% in the first quarter of this year; and,

WHEREAS, rising gasoline prices have sharply reduced the disposable income of American consumers, severely hindering the consumption of goods and services required to grow the economy and create jobs; and,

WHEREAS, increased fuel and energy costs required for governmental operations result in increased spending by governments at all levels, including the federal government; and

WHEREAS, increased spending by governments to cover increased fuel and energy costs and for the purchase of goods and services required for governmental operations further results in either reduced governmental services, increased taxes or increased borrowing, or some combination thereof; and,

WHEREAS, increased spending caused by increased fuel and energy costs results in a significant increase in borrowing by the federal government and a resultant increase in the national debt, and Whereas, ultimately, the negative impact of President Obama's failed energy policies will fall upon the shoulders of the American taxpayer, either in a lowered standard of living as a the result of direct costs to the taxpayer to operate their own home or business, or in increased taxes and government debt incurred as the direct and proximate result of Obama's failed energy policies; therefore, for the survival of our free economy, now therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, that the Republican National Committee calls on the Obama Administration to:

- 1) Stop using taxpayer money to fund foreign oil exploration; and
- 2) Stop picking winners and losers in the American energy industry; and
- 3) Stop the EPA's new regulations on coal-fueled power plants; and
- 4) Issue drilling permits not only for America's deepwater areas, but also open up ANWR ;  
and
- 5) Lift the federal tax on gasoline in order to ease America's pain at the pump.

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