



Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania



Resolution

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Condemning Unconstitutional Wars, Opposing U.S. Military Involvement in Iran and Supporting Defend the Guard

WHEREAS, preemptive strikes against foreign nation-states under the guise of defense of United States military bases occupying foreign soil does not constitute valid pretense for war;

WHEREAS, for the second time in less than one year, the Executive Branch of the United States has launched strikes against Iran without warning and in bad faith while negotiations were still ongoing, defying all laws of basic morality;

WHEREAS, multiple American service members have tragically died in this war, and reportedly hundreds more have been injured;

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution assigns the power to declare war exclusively to Congress under Article I, Section 8, ensuring that decisions of war and peace remain accountable to the American people through their elected representatives;

WHEREAS, the framers of the Constitution intentionally divided war powers so that no president could unilaterally commit the nation to foreign wars except in cases of immediate defense against attack;

WHEREAS, the United States has engaged in numerous military conflicts since World War II exclusively without a formal declaration of war, creating a dangerous precedent of undeclared and often prolonged military engagements;

WHEREAS, military escalation involving Iran without explicit congressional authorization raises serious constitutional concerns and risks further entangling the United States in another undeclared conflict;

WHEREAS, the continued deployment of American troops in foreign conflicts absent a constitutional declaration of war places service members in harm's way without the clear authorization required by the Constitution;

WHEREAS, deploying the Pennsylvania National Guard units across the globe puts Pennsylvania citizens at greater risk in case of domestic attack or natural disaster, with these deployments directly contradicting an America-first strategy;

WHEREAS, the "Defend the Guard Act" affirms that, pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, only Congress has the authority to declare war, and seeks to prohibit the deployment of Pennsylvania National Guard units into active combat absent a formal declaration of war by Congress;

WHEREAS, the principles of limited government, constitutional adherence, and individual liberty are foundational values of the Libertarian Party;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania sees no valid justification for the death and destruction caused by this latest in a long line of disastrous wars and calls for an immediate cease-fire and peace agreement.
2. That the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania formally condemns any United States military involvement in Iran or any other nation that has not been explicitly authorized by Congress through a constitutional declaration of war or specific authorization for the use of military force.
3. That the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania calls upon Congress to immediately reclaim its constitutional authority over war powers and to require a clear and public vote before committing American troops to foreign conflicts.
4. That the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania expresses its strong support for Defend the Guard legislation and encourages its adoption at both the state and federal levels to ensure National Guard units are not deployed into combat overseas without a constitutional declaration of war.
5. That copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of Congress, Pennsylvania state legislators, and the leadership of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania to reaffirm the constitutional limits on war-making authority and to encourage support for Defend the Guard legislation.
6. That Governor Josh Shapiro has sworn an Oath of office as is found in the Pennsylvania Constitution Article VI, Section 3, "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity." that he is duty-bound to protect the interests of Pennsylvanians and champion and pass Defend the Guard legislation.

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