

## ENDING THE WAR IN IRAQ

WHEREAS the war in Iraq has caused the deaths of more than 3,800 American soldiers and over 600,000 Iraqis, and caused the displacement of more than 2 million Iraqi civilians; and

WHEREAS the Congressional Budget Office estimates that the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan could reach \$2.4 trillion by 2017; and

WHEREAS The National Intelligence Estimate on Terrorism states that “the Iraq conflict has become the ‘cause celebre’ for jihadists, breeding a deep resentment of US involvement in the Muslim world and cultivating supporters for the global jihadist movement”; and

WHEREAS announcing a full withdrawal and beginning it immediately would instantly increase our diplomatic leverage to gain the economic and diplomatic support of regional actors; and

WHEREAS the military occupation of Iraq has failed to bring about overall stability and political reconciliation; and

WHEREAS a majority of Iraq’s Parliament signed a legislative petition calling on the US to set a timetable for withdrawal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nevada Democratic Party calls on the presidential candidates to support a swift, orderly withdrawal of all US troops from Iraq as quickly as logistically possible, with a clear timetable for the beginning and end of withdrawal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nevada Democratic party recognizes the United States’ moral and fiscal obligation to the Iraqi people, and the US must assist in creating stability through reconstruction, regional diplomacy, supporting international peacekeeping efforts and ensuring Iraqi control of Iraq’s resources.