

## **LEADING THE WAY TO A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD**

WHEREAS the Bush administration's nuclear posture, including defeated attempts to build tactical nuclear weapons, and its current attempts to build new nuclear warheads through the Reliable Replacement Warhead program, undermine US credibility in dissuading other countries from developing nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS the JASON Defense Advisory group disproved the Bush administration's main rationale for developing the Reliable Replacement Warhead by confirming that the warheads in our current stockpile will last at least another 50 years; and

WHEREAS the Reliable Replacement Warhead program could lead to renewed nuclear testing, which would deal a significant blow to global nonproliferation efforts; and

WHEREAS the US has an obligation under Article Six of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty to negotiate reductions in its nuclear stockpile; and

WHEREAS a nuclear deterrent will not make the US safer and does not address legitimate threats to US security;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nevada Democratic Party calls on the presidential candidates to oppose the development of new nuclear weapons by the US, including the Reliable Replacement Warhead Program and Complex Transformation;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Nevada Democratic Party calls on the presidential candidates to support an effort to work with the global community to eliminate nuclear weapons through efforts such as ratifying the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, producing a new Nuclear Posture Review examining the role of nuclear weapons in US security strategy, and negotiating with other countries to reduce nuclear stockpiles.