



# MACEDONIAN PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION

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## **RESOLUTION**

The duly elected delegates of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada (MPO) who met on September 3, 2005, in Chicago, Illinois, for their 84th annual convention, unanimously voted to urge the United Nations and the governments of all nations to recognize the "Republic of Macedonia" by its constitutional name and employ such constitutional name in all communications with such nation and in all international bodies and organizations.

**Whereas**, The Republic of Macedonia has been a duly recognized member of the United Nations since April 8, 1993, and as an independent state, has the sovereign right to determine its name, and

**Whereas**, In accordance with International law there is no precedent for any government to dictate to an independent nation what its name should be, and

**Whereas**, After the people of the Republic of Macedonia declared independence in 1991, the government of Greece imposed an embargo on the Republic of Macedonia which devastated the economy, forced a change in the constitution, forced a change in the state flag, closed its borders to its neighbor, and is trying to dictate what the people of Macedonia should name their country. It is past time to draw a line in the sand, and

**Whereas**, It is time for the United Nations, the European Union, OSCE, the international community and humanitarian organizations of the world to stand up and denounce these outrageous demands by the Greek government, and

**Whereas**, The Greek Lobby in the United States, an arm of the government of Greece, is attempting to rewrite history by the shameful practice of involving state legislatures in passing resolutions stating that the Macedonian people and culture does not exist, they are all Greeks, and

**Whereas**, The MPO and the Macedonian people of the diaspora worldwide welcome the recognition of the Republic of Macedonia by its constitutional name by the president of the United States. This visionary act will help long-term stability in the region, therefore be it

### **Resolved,**

That the MPO believes strongly that the selection of a country's name is the sole responsibility of the citizens of that country, and be it further Resolved That the United Nations, the European Union and the international community urge the government of Greece to drop its demand for changing the constitutional name of the Republic of Macedonia.