



# MACEDONIAN PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION

*of the United States and Canada*

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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 member nations of the NATO Alliance to admit the Republic of Macedonia into full membership in the NATO Alliance at the earliest possible time, and hereby proclaim:

**Whereas**, The Republic of Macedonia has continued to make progress toward reform goals required by the NATO membership action plan, and

**Whereas**, Macedonia's relationship with NATO, as a long-time member of NATO's Partnership For Peace program, has been one of utmost cooperation, by providing a primary staging area for NATO troop support, participation in military training exercises, providing for 350,000 refugees from Kosovo and providing military support in Afghanistan and Iraq, and

**Whereas**, Immediate admission of the Republic of Macedonia to NATO is essential for peace, security and stability of the Republic of Macedonia and is of paramount importance for peace in the region and for ensuring the current territorial integrity of Macedonia and its geo-political position in the Balkans, and

**Whereas**, A more stable and secure Macedonia will encourage international investment and promote an improved economy, therefore be it

**Resolved**,

That the MPO is hopeful that the Republic of Macedonia will be accepted by member nations of the NATO Alliance and receive an invitation to join NATO.