



MACEDONIAN PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION

of the United States and Canada

RESOLUTION

The duly elected delegates of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization (MPO) of the United States and Canada who met on September 3, 2005, at Chicago, Illinois, for their 84th annual convention, unanimously voted to urge the United Nations and the International Community to revisit the Treaty of Bucharest, and hereby proclaim:

Whereas, The Treaty of Bucharest of 1913 unjustly divided the natural boundaries of historic Macedonia and inequitably expanded the borders of Albania, Bulgaria, Greece and Serbia, and

Whereas, The MPO was founded in 1922 by immigrants from Macedonia to the United States and Canada in order to continue the struggle for a free, independent and democratic Macedonia to preserve our ethnicity, heritage, customs, language and religious freedom, and

Whereas, "The Macedonian Question," often associated with the term "a powder keg of the Balkans," has been ignored by World Powers who implemented the Treaty of Bucharest, after the retreat of the Ottoman Empire, and

Whereas, The largest parcel of Macedonia annexed to Greece as the northern province of Greece, called Macedonia, was never a part of the country of Greece prior to the 1913 annexation, and

Whereas, The human and civil rights for Macedonians in each of these countries has been a shameful abomination, therefore be it

Resolved,

That the MPO of the United States and Canada requests that the United Nations, the United States and the International Community revisit the 1913 Treaty of Bucharest, in order to unite all parts of Macedonia within its historic and geographic borders, and be it further

Resolved,

That a united Macedonia would become an independent democratic state which would constitutionally guarantee the ethnic, religious, cultural and political liberties to all its citizens.