



## **RESOLUTION To Cut NATO Loose**

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### **Preamble**

Whereas, The original intent of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was to formalize a defensive military alliance amongst countries threatened by the now defunct Soviet empire; and

Whereas, This original intent has been rendered obsolete with the collapse of the Soviet empire; and

Whereas, NATO has become just the sort of “entangling alliance” about which our founding father George Washington warned; and

Whereas, The North Atlantic Treaty's Article 5 obligates our servicemembers to fight for Islamic countries such as Turkey; and

Whereas, Turkey has been using this military shield provided through NATO's Article 5 commitments to embark on a unilateral military campaign against our Kurdish allies in Syria; and

Whereas, Turkey's military incursions into neighboring nations is likely to soon trigger our Article 5 commitments sparking a horrific cascade of military escalation; therefore

### **Main Motion**

*Resolved*, That the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee requests Senator Jim Risch to investigate the best route for invoking our right under the North Atlantic Treaty's Article 13 to withdraw from NATO entirely; and

*Resolved*, That the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee requests Governor Butch Otter to repudiate any military obligation to Turkey, and to publicly declare that the Idaho National Guard will never fight for the Turks.