

RESOLUTION CONCERNING PARTY SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee recognizes that the sovereign state of Israel has the right to defend itself against attacks, and that previous presidential administrations have continuously reaffirmed the United States' strong support for Israel in its battle against terrorism as well as its involvement in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel is the greatest ally of the United States in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the United States is a sustainable resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that will allow for a viable and independent Palestinian state living side by side, in peace and security, with the State of Israel, which resolution will not be possible as long as Israeli civilians are under threat from within Gaza; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee:

(1) expresses vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders, and recognizes its right to act in self-defense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism;

(2) reiterates that attacks against Israel must cease, and all nations should recognize Israel's right to exist, renounce violence, and agree to accept previous agreements between Israel and the Palestinians;

(3) encourages the President to work actively to support a durable, enforceable and sustainable cease-fire in Gaza, as soon as possible, that prevents Hamas from retaining or rebuilding the capability to launch rockets and mortars against Israel, and allows for the long term improvement of daily living conditions for the ordinary people of Gaza;

(4) believes strongly that the lives of innocent civilians must be protected, and all appropriate measures should be taken, to diminish civilian casualties, and that all involved should continue to work to address humanitarian needs in Gaza;

(5) supports and encourages efforts to diminish the appeal and influence of extremists in the Palestinian territories and to strengthen moderate Palestinians who are committed to a secure and lasting peace with Israel; and

(6) reiterates its strong support for United States Government efforts to promote a just resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a serious and sustained peace process that leads to the creation of a viable and independent Palestinian state living in peace alongside a secure State of Israel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee expresses its desire to publicly encourage all citizens to give vigorous and continuing support for the nation of Israel through their elected officials at the local, state and national levels.

Adopted by the Republican National Committee, January 29, 2010