

**VETERANS FOR PEACE  
RESOLUTION CARRIED AT THE 2004 NATIONAL CONVENTION  
2- FLAG DESECRATION**

Whereas Veterans for Peace is a veterans organization committed to finding peaceful solutions to conflicts and;

Whereas Veterans for Peace believes that the unique perspectives of veterans are important ingredients in public discourse and decision making and;

Whereas Veterans for Peace does not want the diverse views of veterans to be monolithically misrepresented in public discourse and;

Whereas Veterans for Peace does not wish the service and sacrifice of veterans to be trivialized and;

Whereas Veterans for Peace wishes to extend and preserve the freedoms for which its members served and fought in the U.S. Armed Services and;

Whereas there have been few documented cases of desecration of the U.S. flag and;

Whereas amending the U.S. Constitution to outlaw flag desecration encroaches on First Amendment guaranteed freedom of speech and;

Whereas such an amendment to “protect” the flag suppresses speech and muffles the voices of dissent and;

Whereas promoting such an amendment as an “honor” to veterans does not honor our service and;

Whereas Veterans for Peace wishes to articulate its position on the proposed flag desecration amendment to the U.S. Constitution;

Therefore, be it resolved that Veterans for Peace opposes the proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution to “protect” the flag and calls on veterans, citizens and other organizations to oppose it.