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**Resolution in Support of the Prosecution of Senior Bush Administration  
Officials for War Crimes**

Alleging the Bush administration's premeditated manipulation of intelligence to justify the invasion of Iraq;

Understanding that the manufactured public perception of an imminent threat to the United States led to military action that would otherwise have been considered illegal under constitutional and international law;

Affirming that Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution vests the power to authorize hostilities in the Legislative branch, not the Executive, and recognizing that in order to do so responsibly the former must be provided accurate and objective intelligence;

Acknowledging the tens and perhaps hundreds of thousands of deaths that have resulted from the U.S. invasion of Iraq;

Alleging the Bush administration's illegal authorization of torture and coercive interrogation against detainees in Iraq and Afghanistan;

Alleging the Bush administration's self-interested alterations to Iraqi economic, financial and other laws as illegal under international law, which the United States as occupying power is bound to adhere to;

Alleging the Bush administration's support of U.S. oil companies' efforts to gain control over Iraqi oil fields while the country remained under military occupation;

Understanding how these alleged acts fueled the insurgency and resulted in increased casualties on all sides;

Recognizing further how these alleged acts contributed to terrorist recruitment into Al Qaeda, to the detriment of the security of American citizens;

Interpreting the U.S. Attorney General's declination to prosecute former Bush administration officials for these alleged crimes as due to a lack of political resolve stemming from insufficient sustained public pressure;

Understanding that prosecution of these officials is vital and necessary in order to prevent future, more egregious violations of the Constitution and international law, which Bush administration officials allegedly subverted;

IVAW hereby declares its support for the prosecution of senior Bush administration officials as a matter of justice, accountability and the rule of law.

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