



### **Resolution on Palestine**

**Whereas**, the Palestinian people were dispossessed of their homeland by the creation of the state of Israel on 78% of the former British colony of Palestine in 1948, and 750,000 Palestinians expelled at that time; and

**Whereas**, the remaining 22% of Palestine was conquered by Israel, with the full backing of the U.S. government, and 300,000 more Palestinians expelled in the June 1967 Six Day War; and

**Whereas**, the state of Israel has ignored UN Resolution 194 (1948) and dozens of subsequent resolutions calling for the Palestinians refugees right of return; and

**Whereas**, the U.S. government has provided the state of Israel with more than \$300 billion (in 2011 dollars) in military and economic aid, enabled Israel to become a nuclear-armed regional superpower, and provided Israel with critical diplomatic support allowing it to ignore all UN resolutions critical of the Israeli policies; and

**Whereas**, Israel has imposed an extraordinarily brutal, apartheid occupation on the Palestinian people; and

**Whereas**, in addition to its ongoing occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. government assistance has played such a key role in the occupation of Palestine that it should correctly be called the U.S./Israeli occupation; and

**Whereas**, U.S. military support for the state of Israel is a part of the same coordinated regional strategy of dominating the Middle East that sent us to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

**Whereas**, there will never be real peace in the Middle East without real justice for the Palestinian people.

**Therefore**, be it resolved that Iraq Veterans Against the War calls for an end to the colonial occupation of Palestine as well as Iraq and Afghanistan and an end to U.S. aid to Israel, and supports the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and the right of return.

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