

# SAVE THE BILL OF RIGHTS FOR STEVENS COUNTY RESIDENTS

## **Resolution Title Stevens County Liberty Preservation Resolution**

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To be presented to the Spokane County Commissioners by J.M. Duty on 11/16/03

**Summary: Resolution to Oppose the USA Patriot Act, Homeland Security's Activation of NORTHCOM, the Designation of the United States as a Nation under Military Law under the NORTHCOM, and Related Unconstitutional Executive Orders and Presidential Decision Directives.**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Stevens was founded and exists according to the laws of the Washington State Constitution and the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights, both of which guarantee the citizenry the protection of the unalienable rights granted them by their Creator; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights and the Washington State Constitution guarantee all persons living in the United States these inviolate rights including - freedom of speech; freedom of religion, assembly and petition; the right of privacy under the Fourth Amendment protecting the population from unreasonable searches and seizures; due process and equal protection to all people; equity before the law and the presumption of innocence; the right to hear the charges against you and to face your accuser; access to council and judicial proceedings; and the right to a fair, speedy and public trial; and

**WHEREAS**, the USA Patriot Act signed by George W. Bush on October 26, 2001 has hundreds of provisions that contradict the above mentioned rights, and in the words of Texas' District 14 Representative in Congress, Ron Paul, "Our forefathers would think it's time for a revolution...This is why they revolted in the first place...They revolted against much more mild oppression."(Ron Paul speaking about the Patriot Act in Insight Magazine, article title: Police State published Nov 9, 2001); and

**WHEREAS**, examples of the provisions in the USA Patriot Act, Homeland Security NORTHCOM, Executive Orders, and Presidential Decision Directives are designed specifically and are being implemented to violate the United States Constitution and the Washington State Constitution as well as the rights outlined in city charters are as listed:

- Gives the Attorney General and Secretary of State the power to designate domestic groups including political and religious organizations as "terrorist organizations" under the "Enemy Combatant" designation

- The "Enemy Combatant" designation gives law enforcement the unprecedented power to secretly seize citizens and non-citizens without ever charging them with a crime, and the dictatorial elements of the Federal Government claim the right to detain these "Enemy Combatants" indefinitely, at secret, secure military installations inside and outside the United States and to deny them legal representation, all of this while never being charging them with a crime or telling them why they are being held. The Justice Department also claims the right to execute those designated "Enemy Combatant" in secret after a trial by secret military tribunal.

- Grants power to the Attorney General to subject citizens of other nations to indefinite detention as well as transporting them to third-party countries like Egypt and Morocco, where the Justice Department claims they can legally be tortured

- Authorizes total surveillance on confidential communications between attorneys and their clients in Federal custody in terrorism and non-terrorism cases

- Limits disclosure of public documents and records under the Freedom of Information Act
- Changes the definition in the United States code of the term "Domestic Terrorism." In Section 802 of HR 3162, known as the USA Patriot Act the new definition is amended to include "acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State." Under the new definition, the violation of any Federal or State law could generate a Justice Department designation of "Enemy Combatant" to the accused, who would then become subject to all the dictatorial horrors this designation, brings as detailed above
- Section 213 of the USA Patriot Act allows any branch of the Federal or State Governments to break into your home or business, to remove any items (or place items) they wish without a warrant and without informing the person or business of this total violation of the Fourth Amendment.
- Section 213 of the USA Patriot Act also decapitates the First Amendment protection of Freedom of Speech by forcing silence on those victimized by their Unconstitutional, warrantless searches.
- Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act gives law enforcement expanded authority to obtain library and book store records (violating the Fourth Amendment) all the while prohibiting librarians and store workers from informing patrons of monitoring or information requests (violating the First Amendment)
- The USA Patriot Act is the enabling legislation empowering the reorganization from the International to the local level through the Homeland Security enforcement mechanism. The reorganization of the government under Homeland Security is centralized in the new North American Military Command. We are witnessing a complete transformation of the governmental structures in America. The new system that is emerging, what President George W. Bush calls "the Homeland" is right out of a college textbook detailing the development, expansion and maintenance of dictatorships. The Homeland Security system is the institutionalization of a military-industrial complex dictatorship. It is all color of law, finding its roots in Imperial Rome and fascist Germany.
- There are 1016 sections to the USA Patriot Act. It significantly expands the government's ability to access sensitive medical, mental health, financial, and educational records about individuals. It removes any burden of proof required to conduct telephone and Internet surveillance.
- The Office of Homeland Security and its Department of Total Information Awareness Network, run by convicted felon Admiral John Poindexter has proudly announced that every phone call we make, fax we send, letter we mail, and magazine we subscribe to will be carefully scrutinized.
- The Office of Homeland Security has also stated that it will contract with private corporations to carry out warrantless surveillance and data collection against the American people, creating a seamless web of Big Brother tyranny.
- The United States military is being authorized to designate American citizens "Enemy Combatants" and is being given the job to patrol America internally, in complete violation of the 1878 Posse Comitatus Act that strictly forbids military forces engaging in search and seizure operations inside the United States.
- The Pentagon has announced its wish to put 356,000 troops on the streets of America to engage in law enforcement activities. The Pentagon has stated that their mission of fighting terrorism includes fighting crime of all types.
- The Pentagon has also signed agreements with Canada and Mexico to bring foreign armies into the continental United States for "peacekeeping and anti-terror operations."

**WHEREAS**, the President and his allied agencies are using the crisis of September 11th to

attack the bedrock freedoms that are the birth right of all Americans and that our Veterans have fought and died to preserve and protect; and

**WHEREAS**, over four hundred cities and/or counties in the United States and four states have passed similar resolutions condemning the wholesale dismantling of our Constitutional Republic; and

**RESOLVED** that the County of Stevens affirms its strong opposition to terrorism, but also affirms that any efforts to end terrorism not be used as a pretext to destroy the fundamental rights and liberties of the people of Stevens County, Washington, the United States and the world; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the actions of the USA Patriot Act, Homeland Security's Activation of NORTHCOM, the Designation of the United States as a Nation under Military Law under the NORTHCOM, and Related Unconstitutional Executive Orders and Presidential Decision Directives are aiding, by their bad example, the spread of a world-wide governmental movement in which this model for total dictatorship is duplicated to the detriment of the human condition; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County of Stevens, Washington affirms the rights of all people, including United States citizens and citizens of other nations living within the City in accordance with the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that, to the extent legally possible, no City or County employee or department shall assist or voluntarily cooperate with investigations, interrogations, or arrest procedures, public or clandestine, that are in violation of individuals' God-given rights that are simply enumerated by the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Stevens County Commission calls upon all private citizens and organizations including residents, employers, educators, and business owners to protect and defend the United States Constitution from enemies foreign and domestic and to demonstrate outspoken respect for the rights that have been paid for with so much blood by veterans and patriots throughout time, and to study the Bill of Rights so that they can recognize and resist attempts to undermine our Constitutional Republic and the system that has brought our civilization so much success; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County of Stevens call on our United States Representatives and Senators to monitor the implementation of the USA Patriot Act, Homeland Security's Activation of NORTHCOM, the Designation of the United States as a Nation under Military Law under the NORTHCOM, and Related Unconstitutional Executive Orders and Presidential Decision Directives cited herein and to actively work for the repeal of them as well as the repeal of all Unconstitutional laws that violate the fundamental rights and liberties as stated in the United States Constitution and its amendments.

**Introduced for the people of Eastern, Washingtons' in consideration by Stevens County Residents for Freedom President, J.M. Duty**

Note: Resolutions similar to this one have passed in at least 120 other cities across America, with hundreds of other city and county governments considering passage of similar resolutions. As news spreads of what Homeland Security is really doing to our beloved American system, resistance will only spread. This document is an adaptation of resolutions passed in other cities. The writer felt it was vitally important to add more detail and to expose the role of Homeland Security and NORTHCOM if this scientifically crafted takeover is to be stopped.

It is so important to America's future that cities or counties considering this resolution research the facts contained in this declaration. If our local governments are made up of good men and women, then they will have no other choice but to pass this or a similar resolution and to carry it out for the welfare of the citizenry. Liberty should not be a left-

right issue. No matter what area of the political spectrum you see yourself occupying, you need to know that we all lose under Homeland Security.