

1. Resolution: Opposing Military Intervention in and Economic Sanctions on Venezuela

WHEREAS United States foreign policy has contributed in the past to the overthrow of governments in Latin America; and

WHEREAS the Trump Administration along with other Republican and some Democratic leaders have called for the ouster of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro – whose government is recognized by United Nations – and have abetted Venezuelan military officers seeking to overthrow their government, have threatened to use U.S. troops to invade the country, and have violated the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations by failing to secure Venezuelan consulates from hostile takeover -- actions that are made more troubling coming from a president who openly admits that control of oil is a main driver for his policies, and is desperate to distract from multiple ongoing investigations; and

WHEREAS the actual effect of the Trump administration's sanctions, placed in violation of the UN and OAS charters, has been the opposite of their proclaimed purpose – they have increased the suffering of the Venezuelan people by cutting off the availability of basic necessities and critical medications while wreaking havoc on Venezuela's economy, thereby further polarizing the Venezuelan people, and exacerbating civil conflict;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nebraska Democratic Party opposes any attempts by the Trump Administration to overthrow the government of Venezuela directly or indirectly by arming other forces, internal or external, that aim to take power undemocratically and in violation of international law, calls for the easing of economic sanctions, affirms the right of the Venezuelan government to safely operate and control its own embassy in Washington, D.C., opposes infliction upon the Venezuelan people of more suffering that overt or covert war and sanctions surely bring; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on our Democratic leaders to support multilateral diplomatic efforts to promote negotiations between the Venezuelan government and the various opposition groups to resolve the Venezuelan crisis peacefully and democratically.

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