

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 22

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator CARDINALE

1    **A SENATE RESOLUTION** memorializing Congress to refuse to appropriate any  
2       funds for any activity by the armed forces of the United States not  
3       specifically authorized by Congress and to refrain from any activity which  
4       subordinates the national sovereignty of the United States.  
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6    **WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the United States of America was ordained  
7       and established in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice,  
8       insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the  
9       general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to the people of the  
10      United States; and  
11   **WHEREAS,** This noble and timeless document clearly and unequivocally places  
12      the responsibility to defend the United States with the Congress of the  
13      United States in Article I, section VIII by specifying that the Congress shall  
14      have power to "...provide for the common defense, ...declare war, ...raise  
15      and support armies, ...provide and maintain a navy, ...make rules for the  
16      government and regulation of the land and naval forces, ...suppress  
17      insurrections and repel invasions"; and  
18   **WHEREAS,** While it is clear that the Constitution of the United States permits  
19      the making of treaties with other nations, it is also equally clear that the  
20      sovereignty of the United States is inviolate and may not be made  
21      subordinate to any other nation or international organization; and  
22   **WHEREAS,** The only legal method by which the sovereignty of the United  
23      States could be made subordinate to that of another nation or international  
24      organization would be by receiving the explicit consent of the American  
25      people expressed through the ratification of an amendment to the  
26      Constitution, specifically subordinating that sovereignty, by three-fourths of  
27      the states; and  
28   **WHEREAS,** Opposition by the people of the United States to subordinating the  
29      sovereignty of the United States to that of another nation or international  
30      organization has always been intense, has been repeatedly manifested  
31      throughout our history, and remains a fundamental tenet of American  
32      society today; and  
33   **WHEREAS,** A key component of the American people's implacable opposition  
34      to subordinating our national sovereignty to that of another nation or  
35      international organization is their awareness that while our Constitution has

1 stood as a bulwark against numerous efforts to erode our independence  
2 and freedom, other nations and international organizations operate under  
3 systems and according to principles which are anathema to our principles  
4 of freedom and liberty; and

5 **WHEREAS**, It is imperative that the Congress of the United States responsibly  
6 carry out its duties as defender of the nation by insuring that no activity  
7 occurs under the authority of the United States which might serve to  
8 weaken our independence and national sovereignty; and

9 **WHEREAS**, In recent years we have witnessed a disturbing trend in which units  
10 of the armed forces of the United States -- the organization which protects  
11 our national sovereignty and our life, liberty, property -- have been  
12 deployed under the command of other nations or international  
13 organizations; and

14 **WHEREAS**, It is imperative that the Congress of the United States diligently  
15 exercise its constitutional responsibilities concerning our armed forces by  
16 strictly adhering to the directives of our Constitution, and to decisively  
17 thwart any and all attempts to infringe upon the Congress' exclusive  
18 constitutionally mandated defense prerogatives; now, therefore

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20 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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22 1. This House strenuously urges the members of the United States  
23 Congress to diligently carry out their constitutionally mandated responsibility  
24 to defend our nation by refusing to appropriate any funds for any activity by  
25 the armed forces of the United States not specifically authorized by Congress.

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27 2. This House calls upon the Congress to refrain from any activity,  
28 including the establishment of any public policy, which subordinates the  
29 national sovereignty of the United States to that of another nation or  
30 international organization, such as cooperating with, or fostering the  
31 establishment of, any form of global or world government whether that entity  
32 be in the form of an existing organization such as the United Nations or in the  
33 form of a new organization.

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35 3. A duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President  
36 of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the  
37 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
38 Representatives, and every member of Congress elected from this State.

## STATEMENT

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3 This resolution calls upon the U.S. Congress to refuse to appropriate any  
4 funds for any activity by the armed forces not specifically authorized by  
5 Congress. This resolution also calls upon the U.S. Congress to refrain from  
6 any activity, including the establishment of any public policy, which  
7 subordinates the national sovereignty of the United States to that of another  
8 nation or international organization, such as cooperating with, or fostering the  
9 establishment of, any form of global or world government whether that entity  
10 be in the form of an existing organization such as the United Nations or in the  
11 form of a new organization.

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16 Memorializes Congress to refuse to appropriate funds for activity by armed  
17 forces not specifically authorized by Congress and to refrain from activity  
18 subordinating U.S. sovereignty.