



**Resolution of the Oregon Republican Party Concerning
the Law of the Sea Treaty (L.O.S.T.)**

Whereas the Bush administration, for the second time in three years, is putting on a major effort for Senate ratification of the United Nations Law of the Sea Treaty; and

Whereas President Ronald Reagan refused to sign L.O.S.T. in 1982 because he realized that the treaty doesn't serve United States' interests; and

Whereas in 1994 President Clinton signed a revised version of L.O.S.T. and forwarded it to the Senate, which did not ratify it; and

Whereas L.O.S.T. would impair and restrict the necessary operations of the United States Navy, such as boarding ships engaged in terrorist-related activities; and

Whereas L.O.S.T. creates an independent source of revenue for the U.N. through a global tax, signaling the emergence of a socialist world government; and

Whereas L.O.S.T. would give the U.N. the power to create a multi-national court system and to enforce its judgments; and

Whereas companies seeking to mine or fish would be required to apply for a permit, paying a fee of \$250,000 and unspecified levels of royalties and profit-sharing; and

Whereas the U.N. would have the authority to set production controls for ocean mining, drilling and fishing, regulate ocean exploration, issue permits and settle disputes in its own new "court"; and

Whereas a new U.N. agency would have the right to compete directly with private companies in those profit-making activities; and

Whereas L.O.S.T. provides new avenues for environmental activists to pursue legal action in both U.S. and international courts, and carries the risk that the United States may lose control of its environmental laws; and

Whereas L.O.S.T. enforcement body is not the Security Council, where the United States has a veto, but a Council of 36 nations, the majority of which are not friendly to the United States; and

Whereas Don Kraus, the Executive Vice President of Citizens for Global Solutions reveals the agenda behind L.O.S.T, saying: "If the Senate will not accede to this convention, how can we expect them to support the ratification of the backlog of multilateral treaties waiting for a vote including: the International Criminal Court, Comprehensive Test Ban, Women's Convention, Rights of the Child, Biodiversity, and many others. What will happen when it is time for the Senate to consider the successor to the Kyoto protocol, which runs out in 2012?";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Oregon Republican Party

That the Oregon Republican Party believes L.O.S.T. is grounded in un-American and un-Republican concepts such as global socialism and world government; and

That the Oregon Republican Party believes L.O.S.T. seriously damages the sovereignty and security of the United States of America and sabotages its economic well-being; and

That the Oregon Republican Party believes L.O.S.T., by asserting U.N. authority over seven-tenths of the Earth's surface, would be the largest territorial conquest in history; and

That the Oregon Republican Party calls upon the Oregon Senate Delegation, along with Senators throughout the nation, to vigorously oppose ratification of L.O.S.T. by all means possible.

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Signed VANCE D. DAY
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