

**Resolution Approved by Republican National Committee, Winter Meeting
Washington, D.C., Feb. 2, 2018**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRESIDENT TRUMP'S RIGHT TO RESTORE
SOUND POLICIES ON TRANSGENDER PERSONNEL IN THE MILITARY**

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump's August 25, 2017, [Memorandum](#) directed the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security to continue maintaining military recruitment policies that include individuals openly identifying as transgender on the list of disqualifying psychological and physical conditions, and stipulated that DoD funds not be used for "*sex-reassignment surgical procedures*;"

WHEREAS, President Trump also called for a full review and revision of policies affecting transgender personnel who currently serve in the U.S. military, seeking recommendations on how to implement policy changes that are "*consistent with military effectiveness and lethality, budgetary constraints, and applicable law*;"

WHEREAS, Several federal district court judges have issued preliminary injunctions mandating the unprecedented enlistment of individuals identifying as transgender, starting on January 1, 2018, (for the first time in history), thereby overruling President Trump's plans to establish different priorities;

WHEREAS, Federal courts are usurping President Trump's command authority to determine medical enlistment standards which recognize biological realities and high costs for long-term hormone treatments or surgical procedures that detract from morale and personal readiness to deploy; and

WHEREAS, Federal judges have limited power to make policy for the military, making the issue in question here not the transgender policy alone, but *who* decides what the military's policy will be; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee supports President Trump's intent and his prerogative to strengthen our military with sound personnel policies, including physical and psychological standards for military enlistment; and

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee earnestly encourages The Department of Justice to petition the Supreme Court for swift and appropriate action to prevent federal courts from interfering with the military's internal policies.