**2024 Pend Oreille County Republicans**

**Plank #8 – National Defense** *Approved 3/24/2024*

**Freedom is never free. We honor all those who have served our nation to protect our liberty, especially our men and women in uniform, who unselfishly and courageously defend our country at home and abroad.**

**We stand for;**

1. Peace through strength
2. Defense of the citizens of the United States, and our allies, against any foe, foreign or domestic, whose goal is to destroy our American way of life.

**We believe;**

1. Americans must honor all past and current obligations to our current military personnel, veterans and treaties with allies.
2. In support of a policy of peace, commerce, and honest relations with all reciprocating nations.
3. A strong, well-funded military is essential tour safety and preservation as a people and a nation.
4. In limiting the executive privilege of committing U.S. military to peacekeeping or combat missions, absent a Congressional declaration of war, to a maximum duration of 180 days.
5. There shall be no sale, or management contract of any U.S. ports or infrastructure by foreign based companies or countries.

**We oppose;**

1. All treaties and executive policies that compromise American sovereignty as defined in the U. S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.
2. Any attempt to subordinate the United States to the interest of any foreign nation or international body.