

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
40th Biennial National Convention
National Council Meeting
Salt Lake City Utah
July 16-20, 2008
RESOLUTION FORM

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN
CITIZENS LEAGUE RELATING TO:

JACL Resolution Supporting Human Rights in North Korea

WHEREAS, The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is the oldest and largest Asian American civil and human rights organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The JACL has zealously supported international human rights in previous positions, which include condemning South Africa's apartheid policy, protecting the rights of Korean residents in Japan, condemning the Beijing Massacre, and encouraging the United States' ratification of the Covenants on Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, The United States, as the sole world superpower, exerts considerable influence over the Korean peninsula through domestic legislation, bilateral and multilateral treaties, and international diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, Over one (1) million North Koreans have starved to death, and as many as thirteen (13) million continue to suffer from acute and chronic malnutrition, as a result of food shortages directly caused by gross government neglect and mismanagement, misdirection of aid and the political control of food distribution; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that over three (3) million North Korean children receive food aid, yet 7 percent of North Korean children are considered severely malnourished, and in comparison to South Korean children, 23 percent are underweight and 37 percent have stunted growth; and

WHEREAS, The North Korean government is actively and deliberately committing serious, widespread and systematic human rights violations against its own people, including denying the freedoms of religion, speech, movement, press, assembly, dissent, and conscience and determining access to food, employment, education, and other resources based on perceived loyalty to the government; and

WHEREAS, The North Korean criminal code prescribes excessive punishment, including arbitrary detentions, imprisonment and capital punishment, for crimes against the state such as defection, attempted defection, slander of government policies, wrong thinking, listening to foreign broadcasts, and possessing reactionary printed matter; and

WHEREAS, The North Korean government maintains an extrajudicial extensive network of political prisons and concentration camps, where an estimated 250,000 political prisoners, of which includes up to three (3) generations of the accused's family, are subjected without due process of law to, among other things, forced labor, beatings, torture, starvation, forced abortions, testing of chemical and biological materials, and execution; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese government classifies North Korean refugees as "economic migrants" and thereby sends them back to North Korea where refugees face severe punishment, interrogation, systematic forced abortions for women, torture and execution in direct contravention of the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol; and

WHEREAS, North Korea continues to hold public executions for those considered enemies of the state;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That JACL will endorse and advocate for policies and negotiations that strengthen peace and security on the Korean peninsula, promote reconciliation and engagement with North Korea, and measurably improve the human rights situation of the North Korean people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the President and Vice President of the United States, the U.S. Secretary of State, the National Security Advisor, the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, each member of the National Governors Association, the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and the President of the Republic of Korea.

Sponsored by: JACL National Youth/Student Council

Approved by: JACL National Youth/Student Council

Approved by: Kimberly M. Shintaku

Dated: 05/07/08

Signed: 

Title: National Youth/Student Council, Chair

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN
CITIZENS LEAGUE RELATING TO:**

JACL Resolution Endorsing Support for Human Rights in North Korea

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This Resolution submitted by the JACL National Youth/Student Council has limited financial impact. This Resolution calls for Chapters to proactively advocate for North Korean human rights through various grassroots methods. In addition, this Resolution also calls for the JACL Public Policy Director and assisting staff to use approximately 15-20 staff hours to engage in North Korean human rights initiatives.

*Japanese American Citizens League
Fiscal Impact Statement
Resolutions and Amendments Budget
Calendar Years 2009 and 2010*

Resolution Number (leave blank) **Date:** 5/8/2008
Resolution Name: Supporting Human Rights in North Korea
Prepared By/Phone No.: National Youth/Student Council / (847) 571-7453

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 Membership Dues	\$ 689	\$ 707	\$ 1,397
2 General Support			\$ -
3 Investment Income			\$ -
4 Pacific Citizen			\$ -
5 Book Sales			\$ -
6 Grants			\$ -
7 Fund Raising			\$ -
8 Fees & Registration			\$ -
9 Other			\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 689	\$ 707	\$ 1,397
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
20 Personnel	\$ 689	\$ 707	\$ 1,397
21 Contract Services			\$ -
22 Awards			\$ -
23 Membership/Association Dues			\$ -
24 Equipment-Expendable			\$ -
25 Postage & Delivery			\$ -
26 Printing & Copying			\$ -
27 Office Supplies			\$ -
28 Telephone			\$ -
29 Books and Publications			\$ -
30 Meetings/Conferences			\$ -
31 Registration & Fees			\$ -
32 Travel Expenses			\$ -
33 National Board Activity			\$ -
34 Advertising			\$ -
35 Refunds			\$ -
36 Editorials			\$ -
37 Composition/Presswork			\$ -
38 Circulation & Mailing			\$ -
39 Maintenance			\$ -
40 Occupancy			\$ -
41 Utilities			\$ -
42 Contributions			\$ -
43 Insurance			\$ -
44 Interest Expense			\$ -
45 Staff Development			\$ -
46 Scholarship/Student Aid			\$ -
47 Personnel Recruitment			\$ -
48 Miscellaneous			\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 689	\$ 707	\$ 1,397
Revenue over Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>(Must be >= zero)</i>			

A RESOLUTION of the national council of the Japanese American citizens league relating to: Go for Vote! (get out the vote for the national election)

Whereas, in the 21st century, the Japanese minority, JACL in particular, is becoming lost in the rainbow of ethnicity of the American political arena; and

Whereas, the next generation seeks relevance in JACL and its political position as a strong national voice for minority issues; and

Whereas 2008 is a national election year; and

Whereas, the following year, 2009, the winners will analyze the results of the election for significant trends; and

Whereas; this year may be pivotal in the political opportunity to display JACL's relevance; now

Therefore, be it resolved by the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League

That National, District, and Local chapters take up the challenge to demonstrate 100% eligible Japanese members were registered and voted; and

Be it further resolved that National JACL can statistically provide a measure of its effectiveness.

Sponsored by: Pocatello-Blackfoot chapter

date: 4/24/2008

Approved by: Jeff Kriner

Signed: Jeff Kriner

title: Pocatello, Blackfoot JACL

Approved by: Intermountain District Council

date: 4/22/2008

Brian Morishita

Signed: Brian Morishita

title: IDC Council

Funding by grass roots effort on the part of every chapter and member