

Remove Travel Bans against Americans and North Koreans

Whereas, on September 1, 2017, the State Department imposed a harsh travel ban on all U.S. citizens who want to visit DPRK (North Korea), except by obtaining a “special validation passport,”

Whereas, the U.S. administration issued an executive order banning almost all entry into the U.S. by “nationals of North Korea,” effective Oct. 18, 2017,

Whereas, the said travel ban against American people constitutes a grave assault on the basic liberty and freedoms guaranteed to the American people under our Constitution,

Whereas, it is in our national interest to engage in people-to-people exchanges to promote mutual understanding and friendship with other nations and peoples,

Whereas, the U.S. administration now seeks “new U.S.-DPRK relations,” as stated in the Joint Statement from the Singapore Summit, it is critical to pursue “maximum engagement” with North Korea in order to promote permanent peace and nuclear disarmament on the Korean Peninsula,

Now, Therefore, Veterans for Peace (VFP)

- 1) Calls upon the U.S. administration to lift immediately its travel ban on American citizens visiting North Korea as well as its restriction against “nationals of North Korea” coming to the U.S.;
- 2) Calls upon the Congress to take steps to remove such unconstitutional travel ban on American people; and
- 3) Urges VFP members and local Chapters to send a copy of this resolution to their respective members of Congress.

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