

April 26, 2008

MEMORANDUM FROM Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana gathered in General Conference at the 36th Annual Convention in Billings, MT.

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution

Exemption of Title 32 Earnings

Resolution No. 08-02

Concerning: The proposed exemption of up to \$15,000 of the total income earned from membership and participation in any National Guard or Reserve Unit in the State of Montana.

WHEREAS, the State of Montana exempts all active duty military income of personnel who are currently Title 10; and

WHEREAS, this affects mostly the active duty personnel at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls and a very few others around the state such as Recruiters and advisors; and

WHEREAS, of those active duty personnel the vast majority serve a three year tour and then move to a new duty station in another state or country; and

WHEREAS, the native sons and daughters of Montana serving in the National Guard and the Reserves may only exempt their earnings when called to active duty for 30 days or more. However they must maintain the same state of readiness day in and day out in the event of a call to active duty; and

WHEREAS, it is a noble gesture to exempt the income of our active duty counterparts but our own native sons and daughters have fought, bled and died on foreign soil only to be treated as second class citizens by their own state; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana, gathered here in General Conference on April 26, 2008 in Billings, Montana do request parity with our active duty counterparts by exempting up to \$15,000 of National Guard and Reserve Title 32 pay from taxation by the state of Montana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Governor Brian Schweitzer, Senate President Mike Cooney, Senate Minority Leader Corey Stapleton, Speaker of the House Scott Sales, House Minority Leader John Parker as well as the Chairman of the State Administration and Veteran's Affairs Interim Committee.

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Date Approved