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## 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS August 18, 2002

In two days, August 17 and 18, 2002, the National Congress of Vietnamese in America (NCVA) has convened and met in its Sixteenth Annual Convention at the George Mason University Metro Campus in Arlington, VA. After full deliberation, NCVA has decided upon the composition of its Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the 2002-2004 term. The following resolutions were also passed:

1. NCVA will proceed with the application for 501(c)3 status so that it can find means for furthering its activities.

2. NCVA encourages the participation of youth in leadership positions of NCVA itself, in the community and in mainstream America.

3. To help speed this process, NCVA will sponsor in the summer of 2003 a conference to follow up on the "Vietnamese American Youth Leadership Conference" (VAYLC) held in August 1999 at George Mason University Metro Campus, Arlington, VA to form a new generation of young leaders.

4. To concretize this goal of building a generation of young leaders, NCVA will have an internship and scholarship program to attract select elements among the young Vietnamese Americans, who in return must have plans to assist the community.

5. To strengthen our voice, both NCVA's and the Vietnamese American community's voices, in American life, NCVA will organize and sponsor meetings with officials at various levels of government, including and especially popularly elected ones, congressmen and senators in a program to be called "Vietnam Dialogue."

6. NCVA advocates and continues its efforts to build alliances and coalitions with overseas Vietnamese organizations and mass movements. NCVA will do likewise with mainstream organizations and alliances/coalitions.

7. NCVA condemns the unprincipled concessions made by Hanoi to China in terms of Vietnam's territorial integrity, from the borderlands with China to the territorial waters in the Gulf of Tonkin and the archipelagoes known as the Spratley and Paracel Islands. NCVA will work with other organizations to denounce these treasonous concessions to the international community.

8. NCVA condemns the egregious situation of human rights as presently obtained in Vietnam. It will work with the democracy movement both inside and outside of Vietnam to do their utmost to denounce in the court of world public opinion all and every act of restriction of human rights and freedoms that should be the natural right of the people of Vietnam.

Done in Arlington, August 18, 2002