



**POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS**  
Resolutions passed at the Council of National Directors  
Chicago, IL, May 3, 2013

**RESOLUTION #1**

*Whereas*, in the year 2014, Poland will mark a number of notable commemorations:

- 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of World War II with the invasion of Poland
- 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising
- 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Political Systemic Change
- 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Poland's admission into NATO
- 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Poland's admission into the European Union

*Therefore*, be it resolved that the Polish American Congress organize appropriate events to mark these historic occasions.

**RESOLUTION #2**

*Whereas*, Jan Karski was the first to alert the world to the atrocities perpetrated by Nazi Germany against the Jews of Europe, and

*Whereas*, Poland has proclaimed the year 2014 as the "Year of Jan Karski",

*Therefore*, be it resolved that the Polish American Congress initiate commemorations in his honor throughout the United States.

**RESOLUTION #3**

*Whereas*, in the April 13, 2013 United States Department of State Report on Human Rights Practices in the world, Poland was reported as limiting freedom of speech and press,

*Therefore*, the National Directors of the Polish American Congress at the semi-annual meeting in Chicago on May 3, 2013, taking into consideration the findings of the United States State Department, request that the Polish Government respect the right to free speech by the Polish populace.

#### **RESOLUTION #4**

*Whereas*, the German TV drama "Our Mothers, Our Fathers" portrays Poles based upon stereotypes and incomplete information and is deeply hurtful to the soldiers who fought heroically against the German occupation of Poland, and

*Whereas*, the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland Ryszard Schnepf has protested the promotion and distribution of the video discs of this drama in the United States,

*Therefore*, the Polish American Congress appeals to Music Box Films, the United States distributor of the video, to cease promoting this TV drama.

#### **RESOLUTION #5**

*Whereas*, the Kansas City *Star* published an article by Joel Brinkley entitled "Poland is a Nation Still Poisoned by Anti-Semitism", and

*Whereas*, the Holocaust was perpetrated on the territory of German-occupied Poland because Poland had Europe's largest Jewish population, and

*Whereas*, the first inmates of the concentration death camps were Poles and 2½ million of those killed in the camps were non-Jews,

*Therefore*, the Polish American Congress demands that the Kansas City *Star* publish a more truthful and up-to-date article which represents reality.

Frances X. Gates, Chairman  
Theresa Bunk  
Camille Kapielski  
Thaddeus Mirecki

FYI – Resolutions 1, 2, 4 and 5 were passed unanimously. There was one abstention in the case of Resolution #3.